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Gov. Anoatubby, Pres. Obama meet at White House

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, second from left, speaks to President Barack Obama and Indian leaders during a Nov. 12 meeting in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. Gov. Anoatubby spoke with the President regarding taxation, jobs, economic development and other Indian Country topics. The President, Gov. Anoatubby said, had a "good, working understanding" of the issues, and of the government-to-goverment relationship that exists between the tribes and the United States.

A Report from Washington

KEVIN WASHBURN

Last month, Governor Anoatubby attended an hour-long meeting with 11 other tribal leaders and the Secretary of Interior with the President in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. In recognition of his stature in Indian country, Gov. Anoatubby was given the seat of honor directly across from the President and next to the Secretary of the Interior.

Gov. Anoatubby used this opportunity to speak directly to the President about the importance of tribal self-governance and self-reliance, and about the need for tribal governments to be treated equally to state governments. He criticized the Internal Revenue Service practice of taxing Indian people for services provided by their tribes, while services provided by the state governments are exempt from federal taxation. As I sat behind the President and saw Gov. Anoatubby informing the President about issues important to tribes across the country, the Governor once again made me proud to be a Chickasaw.

Kevin K. Washburn
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
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Gov. Anoatubby's meeting with President 'productive'

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Nov. 12, Gov. Bill Anoatubby met with President Barack Obama in the White House Roosevelt Room. It took only a few minutes for the two to get into the important issues facing Indian Country today.

"President Obama has a good, working understanding of the government-to-government relationship that exists between the tribes and the federal government," Gov. Anoatubby said. "His understanding makes getting to the point of the matter much easier."

Gov. Anoatubby was among 12 tribal leaders who met with the President that day. It was clear from the releases issued by the White House that the Chickasaw Governor was, along with the President, a primary driver of that day's discussions.

Issues of fairness, economic development and jobs creation were at the forefront of much of the conversations among the President and tribal leaders.

Gov. Anoatubby voiced his concerns regarding taxation of Indian citizens and the tribes' standing with the federal government as it related to state governments.

"The President fully understands the Chickasaw Nation is sovereign and requires treatment as such by the federal government," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Our sovereign status is, of course, fundamental to our existence and it is imperative our sovereignty be recognized whenever we work with the federal government."

Specifically, Gov. Anoatubby spoke with the President about taxes Indians pay that are asso-

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Instructors sought for 2014 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is accepting applications for instructors for its annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy is a two-week arts program for students ages 8-18. The academy is tentatively scheduled July 14 – 26, 2014 on the campus of East Central University in Ada.

Areas of study include vocal music, theatre technology, dance, creative writing, 2-D and 3-D visual arts, music composition, photography, textile design, cultural arts and video production. There are opportunities for instructors to teach interdisciplinary sections.

Classes include three levels of instruction:

Level one is a fine arts rotation for students ages 8-12 who will gain experience in six art disciplines.

Level two is an intermediate course of multidisciplinary study for ages 11 – 18.

Level three is offered to older students who have been accepted into one major discipline of study.

Interested art professionals are encouraged to apply. Please submit a letter of interest to Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821 or fax to (580) 272-5525.

The letter of interest must include the following: area of expertise, desired teaching level (one, two or three), a brief description of training and experience, a short description of proposed curriculum content and estimated course budget and a paragraph description of teaching philosophy.

In addition, a resume or vita and an example of work are required.

All letters must be received by January 17, 2014.

For more information, contact Laura Stewart at Laura.Stewart@chickasaw.net or by phone at (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaw Royalty, Santa gather for Chickasaw Children's Christmas Celebrations

From left, Chickasaw Princess Savannah Burwell, Santa Claus, Little Miss Chickasaw Jacee Underwood and Jr. Miss Chickasaw Faithlyn Seawright Dec. 3 at the Oklahoma City Children's Christmas Celebration.

Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center dedicated

The newly-dedicated Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center. The Center is located in the scenic Arbuckle Mountains near Sulphur, Okla. Gov. Bill Anoatubby led the Dec. 19 dedication ceremony.

Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center dedicated Dec. 19 in Arbuckle Mountains

SULPHUR, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by dozens of tribal citizens, leaders and community members Dec. 19 for ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, located in the heart of the Arbuckle Mountains in Murray County.

Perched on an ancient mountain along the shores of Arbuckle Lake, the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center offers the perfect getaway for groups looking for a secluded, pristine setting to host their next event or group getaway.

Built in 1994 as a health improvement resort, the Chickasaw Nation recently purchased and completely renovated the facility into a destination for group gatherings.

"This ribbon cutting represents another exciting new development in Murray County," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We believe this facility will offer an inviting atmosphere which will help visitors feel at home here in Chickasaw Country."

With sweeping panoramic views of surrounding hills, sparkling blue waters and lush greenery, the Chickasaw Retreat is ideal for hosting parties, business retreats, family reunions, weddings, and receptions.

"This center is part of our effort to develop new tourism venues and help promote economic

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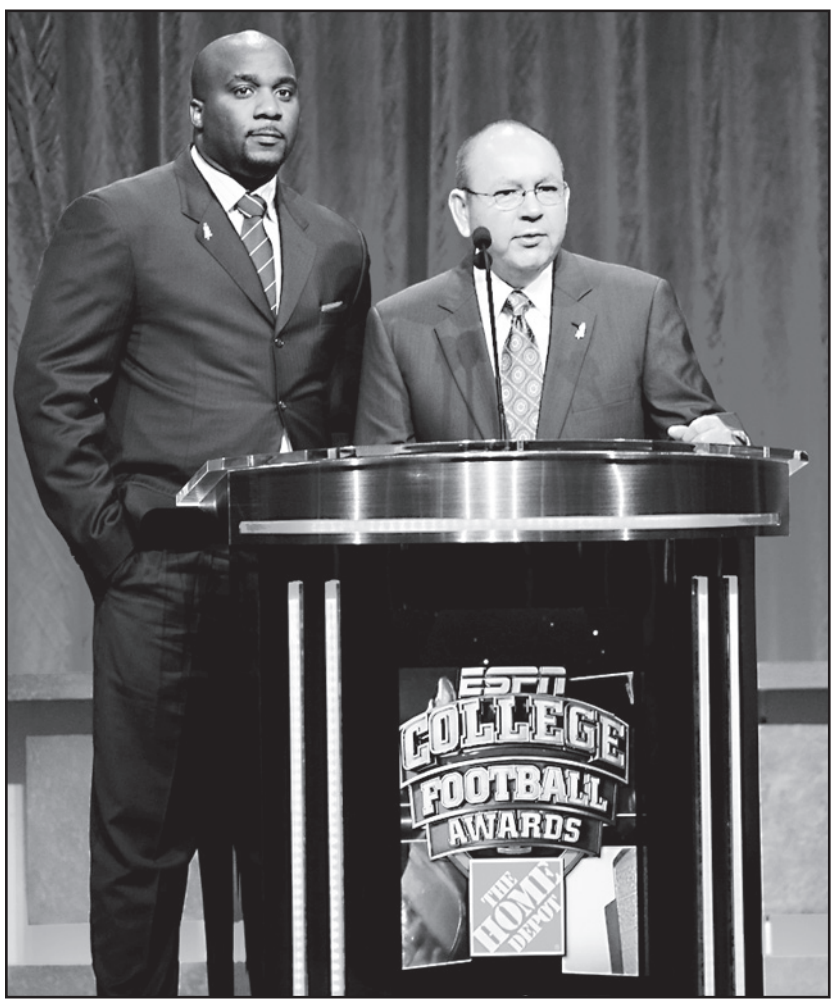

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Jim Thorpe Award

Former University of Oklahoma defensive back Roy Williams, left, and Gov. Bill Anoatubby announce the three finalists for the 2013 Jim Thorpe Award in ceremonies last month in Florida. ESPN hosted the nationally-telecast program. Michigan State University defensive back Darqueze Dennard received the award.

Michigan State's Dennard named Jim Thorpe Award winner

ORLANDO, Fla. – Gov. Bill Anoatubby and former University of Oklahoma defensive standout Roy Williams presented the 2013 Jim Thorpe Award Dec. 12 to the best college defensive back in the nation.

The ceremony was broadcast live on national television by ESPN.

This year's award was presented to Darqueze Dennard, Michigan State's outstanding defender. He was judged the finest defensive back in America. Two other young men, Oklahoma State's Justin Gilbert and Florida State's Lamarcus Joyer, were also nominated for the award.

Mr. Dennard's 2013 individual statistics were stellar: four interceptions, 14 deflected passes, 10 pass breakups and 59 tackles. He broke up 28 passes on throws for 15 yards or more and helped lead the Spartans to a 12-1 record. His team will face No. 5 Stanford in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

Mr. Williams was the 2001 Jim Thorpe Award winner from OU and went on to play for the Dallas Cowboys and Cincinnati Bengals before retiring from professional football.

During the broadcast, Gov. Anoatubby said the award honored the iconic Jim Thorpe, a native Oklahoman and Sac and Fox citizen.

Mr. Thorpe, an Olympic gold medalist, played professional baseball, football and basketball and is widely considered to be the finest athlete of the 20th Century.

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Spring semester grants and scholarships application deadline set for Feb. 1

Chickasaw students wishing to receive higher education grants and scholarships for the 2014 spring semester must apply by February 1.

Students participating in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral program from an accredited college are eligible to receive assistance through a number of grants and scholarship programs provided through the Chickasaw Nation.

Grants and scholarships assist part-time and full-time students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a Programs, Grants and Scholarship Application and provide an official high school or college transcript and schedule of classes.

Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/highered.

For more information, contact education services at (580) 421-7711.

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ciated with services provided by the taxpayers' tribes. Services provided by state governments, the Governor said, are exempt from such taxation.

"Fairness is a key issue in taxation and tribal citizens should not be required to pay a tax on a tribal service when a like state service is non-taxable," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It's a clear argument, and I believe the President understood it fully and was concerned about the situation."

President Obama, the Governor said, had worked closely with tribal leaders during his terms of office and was well-informed on the achievements, opportunities and challenges that face tribes across the country.

"I believe it was a good, productive meeting and the President was attentive to what all of us around the table were expressing," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Youth art, design, marketing classes set for January throughout Chickasaw Nation

"A Saturday Arts Program" for students in grades three through six is being offered by the Chickasaw Nation from 10 a.m to noon in various locations.

Upcoming classes include:

Ardmore – Jan. 4 and 11 – Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Center, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

Ada – Feb. 1 and 8 – Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities art classroom, 201 N. Broadway.

Pre-enrollment is required.

Contact Gwen Postoak at (580) 436-3419 or by email gwen.postoak@chickasaw.net for more information.

Kid collaboration workshop

A "Kid Collaboration" workshop for students ages 6-8 is being offered from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 18 and Jan. 25 at the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities art classroom, 201 N. Broadway.

Pre-enrollment is required.

Contact Laura Stewart at (580) 272-5520 or by email at laura.stewart@chickasaw.net for more information.

2014 design and marketing class

Applications are being accepted for the 2014 Design and Marketing class scheduled from 3:30 p.m. to 4:55 p.m., Jan. 27 at the Arts & Humanities classroom at 201 North Broadway in Ada, Okla.

The classes are for Chickasaw students ages 13-18 and will involve lectures, handouts and experience in creating concepts, design and marketing artistic goods.

Pre-enrollment is required.

For more information, contact Laura Stewart at (580) 272-5520 or email at laura.stewart@chickasaw.net.

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Anoli Creative Writing Contest now open for submissions from Chickasaw authors

Entries are being accepted for the 2014 Chickasaw Nation "Anoli" Creative Writing contest until Feb. 21. "Anoli" is a Chickasaw word meaning "to tell."

Chickasaw student writers in grades six through 12 and young adults through age 24 are encouraged to enter up to three written works in one or more categories – poetry, short story and essay.

The topic for this year's contest is "Expressing Yourself Through Art."

Entries should reflect on what art forms speak to the writer and how art helps the writer speak to the world.

Winners receive cash prizes and medals.

All works submitted must be original and will be evaluated based on artistic form, creativity and how well the work relates to the topic.

Division I entries include grades six through eight. Division II includes grades nine through 12 and Division III includes young adults through age 24 regardless of education level or enrollment.

The contest is free and open to enrolled Chickasaw Nation citizens. Proof of citizenship is required.

Entries can be delivered to the division's office at 201 N. Broadway in Ada, Okla., or mailed to Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

To learn more or to obtain an entry form, please contact Jennifer Watson in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email jennifer.watson@chickasaw.net.

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Governor, Dr. Parker, kids view 'Eagle' healthy living exhibits

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, PhD,APRN-CNP, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Secretary, join students from the Chickasaw Nation After School Program at the Arts & Humanities Building in Ada, Okla., to view artwork from the Eagle exhibit.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center and Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities showcased Through The Eyes of the Eagle: Illustrating Healthy Living for Children traveling exhibition from October through December. The main goal of the exhibition was to raise awareness of type 2 diabetes prevention among Indian people.

This family-oriented exhibition explored the intersection of history, culture and health through 65 original watercolor artworks by Patrick Rolo (Bad River Band of Ojibwe, Wisconsin) and Lisa A. Fifield (Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, Black Bear Clan). All artwork featured illustrations from the Eagle Books series authored by Georgia Perez.

The Eagle books are series of four children's books, Through the Eyes of the Eagle, Plate Full of Color, Knees Lifted High and Tricky Treats. The books encourage a return to traditional ways, including physical activity and healthy eating.

According to Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, PhD,APRN-CNP, Secretary for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health, the books are a result of the collaborative effort among the U.S. Department of Human Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), native diabetes Wellness Program, Indian Health Service (HIS) and the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC).

A series of activities promoting healthy eating and physical activity were scheduled throughout the months of October, November and December at both exhibit locations.

This traveling exhibit will continue to make stops nationwide in 2014 raising awareness of type 2 diabetes and promoting healthy living for children.

For more information about the Eagle Books visit:

http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/eagle/index.html

For more information about the Eagle Adventure program visit:

www.eagleadventure.com

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This month on CNTV

A Healthy Start

The new year is a good time to set healthy goals. The Chickasaw Nation has several programs available to help you get back in shape. Find out more this month on CNTV.

An Olympic Hopeful

Kayla Chappell is a determined young athlete looking to make her mark in the sport of judo. Watch CNTV to see this Olympic contender in action.

A Storyteller

Chickasaw storyteller Glenda Galvan is the author of the Chikasha stories series. Learn more about these award-winning books on the January 15 edition of CNTV.

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

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Chickasaw commerce successfully navigated the 'Great Recession'

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

When we were looking at the dawn of the new year five years ago, we certainly were facing economic challenges in our country.

In January 2009, the country had just entered what has come to be known as the Great Recession. A new president had been elected just two months prior, and he would take office against the backdrop of the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression.

In January 2009, American business was contracting at an alarming rate. Normally profitable companies were staring at unheard of losses as consumer spending dried up and reinvestment became a thing of the past.

Jobs were disappearing at a lightning pace and the country was looking at double-digit unemployment and real pain and suffering. The stock market had plunged and many investors had lost at least one-half of their value.

You probably recall the doomsday scenarios being repeated by some "talking heads" and others engaged in alarmist rhetoric. To them, the country had failed and every projected government response to the crisis was roundly criticized.

Things looked pretty bleak if you believed all the naysayers.

And where are we today, five years down the road from this economic cataclysm?

For the most part, we have made it all the way back, and then some. American company results are as good as they have ever been. Companies are making money and hiring at a rapid rate. The unemployment rate, which climbed above 10 percent in 2009, has now declined to 7 percent. Investment in business infrastructure is high and accelerating and the pace of consumer spending is back to historic levels.

The country hit a very rough spot that caused plenty of pain. A greatly overextended credit portfolio swamped the economy, particularly the housing market. The housing "bubble" burst and the correction was difficult, to say the least.

But, the country has recovered and new regulations have been instituted to protect Americans and their economy from similar future chaos.

And how has the Chickasaw Nation weathered the economic storm?

I'm very pleased to report that our tribal economy held up extremely well during the downturn. There was belt-tightening – no doubt about that. We were watching our pennies. However, our businesses performed well during the crisis and continued to fund those important programs and services so critical to Chickasaw success.

We have endeavored to diversify our businesses across a number of categories. We made a plan early on designed to keep up from "putting all our eggs in one basket." The strategy has proven successful.

We will continue to explore new opportunities that provide improved business diversity and enhanced funding for Chickasaw programs and services.

Any student of American economic history knows there will be ups and downs in business. Sometimes, the ups and downs can be pretty severe! While our country's economy is the best in the world, the excesses that sometimes arise can make for volatility.

We have been prepared for those variations in the markets and have actually taken those as opportunities to add key components to our commercial side. We operate in a conservative and flexible environment, and we have found that strategy is the best way to grow and meet success consistently.

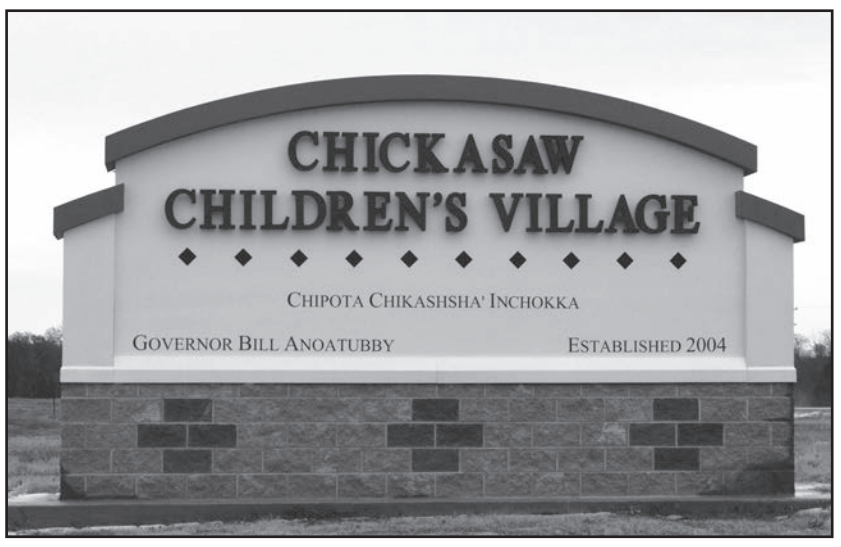
Whatever comes our way, the Chickasaw Nation has chosen the path that provides us stability, efficiency and, best of all, independence. Over the many generations, Chickasaws have been known as fierce and innovative warriors. No one wanted to tangle with us! We have also been known as superior traders and industrious workers. That's a tough combination to beat!

Welcome to the 21st Century Chickasaw Nation – successful, innovative, dedicated, and prepared for any storms that appear on the horizon.

January is National Mentoring Month

Mentoring, nurturing young Chickasaws at Chickasaw Children's Village

Chickasaw Children's Village Cottage parents Mike and Cindy Shipley with their grandson, Jaxxson.



The Chickasaw Children's Village is translated to Chickasaw Chipota Chikashsha' Inchokka on the large sign at the property entrance south of Kingston, Okla.

Thirteen hand-made stockings decorate the Shipleys' cottage at Chickasaw Children's Village at Christmastime. The family, along with other cottage parents and staff, strive hard all year to be good mentors to the students who call the village home during the school year. The month of January marks National Mentor Month.

KINGSTON, Okla. - Chickasaw citizen Lucinda Shipley was happy teaching second grade. However, she wanted to do more to help the students outside of the classroom.

Her husband, Mike, was gone far too often from their Atoka, Okla., home on long distance truck routes.

Then, one night at a high school football game, the couple ran into a friend who told them about an opportunity to be house parents at the Chickasaw Children's Village.

They applied and were accepted. Their lives have changed for the better, and in the process many Chickasaw children's lives have been enriched.

This month, the Shipleys are celebrating their sixth year as cottage parents at the Chickasaw Children's Village, a place that provides residential care, education services and opportunities for social, spiritual and personal development for Native American children.

The Shipleys are among eight sets of dedicated cottage parents and several staff members at the facility.

Working at the Children's Village offered a chance for the couple to fulfill a dream.

"Mike and I have always loved kids and we talked about buying a big house and being foster parents," Mrs. Shipley said. "Being cottage parents at the Children's Village was the perfect fit."

The Shipleys currently have 10 teenage boys under the roof of their cozy cottage, including two of their own - Neeson and Dillan - and eight male students, ranging from age 14 to 18.

Some of the students are enrolled at the Chickasaw Children's Village because of family tradition. Their parents and grandparents attended boarding schools and those students are keeping the tradition alive. Other students are seeking better opportunities.

"All of the kids are here by the families' choice," Mrs. Shipley said.

The boys all attend Kingston Public Schools and are involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities, including vocational agriculture, band and academic bowl.

Weeknights, the whole crew can usually be found on the go to an array of school activities, either as participants or supporters.

"We try to encourage (the boys) to support each other," Mr. Shipley said.

A dozen people living under one roof demands a lot of organization and structure for meals, chores, appointments, laundry and homework.

In the cottage, photos of all "their kids" line the long hall. A large white marker board is hung near the kitchen to keep track of everyone's schedule, the daily menu and assigned chores for the week.

"The key is staying organized," Mr. Shipley said.

Connecting to the Chickasaw Culture

On-campus activities include an array of academic opportunities and sports, including culturally-relevant activities.

"Growing up, we always knew we were Chickasaws, but there was not much of a connection," Mrs. Shipley said. "I've learned a lot about my tribe by doing this job, I feel like I am helping my tribe and giving my kids a connection.

"Sometimes the kids can tell you more about the culture than you know."

Students who are affiliated with other tribes introduce the family to their tribal cultures, too.

Students participate in many culture activities such as playing on the village stickball field, participating in "mush" ball, archery classes, language class and trips to Ada for art classes.

Making sure the students are aware of opportunities within the Chickasaw Nation is a priority.

"The Chickasaw Nation has so many opportunities for the youth, such as the school to work program, camps and academies and summer youth programs, Mrs. Shipley said.

"We tell the kids they are future leaders of their tribe, they need to learn about their tribe and get their education."

The Shipleys relish the joy of introducing "their kids" to new experiences and taking them new places, such as amusement parks, or simple places like restaurants and college football games.

"I enjoy making sure they are not just culturally informed about the Nation, but of other places," Ms. Shipley said.

The Shipleys also provide spiritual guidance. The family attends church together at Enos Baptist Church, the church in which Mr. Shipley was raised. They have taken several students to Falls Creek for camp in the summer.

Through the years, the couple has had more than 50 children under their roof, molding and shaping young lives.

The couple relishes their role as mentors.

One of their former female students recently asked Mr. Shipley to walk her down the aisle if her father is unable.

'We tell the kids they are future leaders of their tribe, they need to learn about their tribe and get their education.'

Mike Shipley

The hardest part of the job, they said, is worrying about "their kids" when they are not with them.

About the Chickasaw Children's Village

Established in 2004, on 160 acres near the shores of Lake Texoma, Chickasaw Children's Village promotes academic achievement while developing students' character. Students gain the skills necessary for successful family function throughout their lifespan.

Tutoring services and flexible academic curriculum are designed to meet the needs of every child, including courses for the college bound, vocational, remedial, special education and "at-risk" students.

Students range from first to 12th grade. Several amenities are available to students including a library, computer lab, a gym, a garden, storm shelter, recreational areas and on-site medical facilities.

Chickasaw Children's Village, Carter Seminary, Bloomfield Connection

Chickasaw Children's Village is the successor to the historic Carter Seminary in Ardmore.

For many years, Carter Seminary educated Native American boys and girls in dormitory-style on the Ardmore campus.

Carter Seminary was built in 1917 as a replacement for the Chickasaw girls school Bloomfield Academy, which was located in Bryan County and burned in 1914.

The school was renamed Carter Seminary in 1934 in honor of Chickasaw Charles D. Carter.

In 1949, the school became co-educational and in 1953 Native American students from across the United States lived on-campus, but attended public school off campus.

Bloomfield was founded in 1852 near Achille, Okla., and opened in the fall of 1853 as a boarding school for girls, with 25 students. The curriculum included English language and alphabet, spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Advanced students studied botany, United States history, natural philosophy and grammar. Students were also taught to make and mend their own clothes, do housework, and learned drawing painting and vocal music.

Please contact the Chickasaw Children's Village for more information at (580) 564-3060 or visit www.chickasaw.net/Services/Chickasaw-Children-s-Village.aspx.

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New facilities, programs and services reflect a genuine Chickasaw renaissance!

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma and Happy New Year!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District! I hope you and your family had a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The New Year brings many exciting developments for the Chickasaw Nation with continued success in our commerce activities and tourism efforts.

During 2012 and 2013 we opened two new hotels, a new Bedré Chocolate factory, a new travel stop, a Welcome Center, Visitor Center, art gallery and several spaces for retail shopping; as well as an adolescent treatment center, a state-of-the-art health clinic and the Chikasha House to better care for our citizens and their families in time of need.

As Chickasaws we should have an abundance of pride in these new facilities.

Our tribe is in the midst of a great renaissance and with our success we are able to share our heritage and culture with the world. But more importantly, we are able preserve our heritage and culture for future generations and offer vital programs and services for our citizens, both who reside in the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation and those who live outside the boundaries.

Success in commerce efforts helps fund programs such as education, senior centers, health care, youth programs and housing, just to name a few.

Successes in our business ventures not only positively affect us, but also the communities within the Chickasaw Nation with improved employment rates and infrastructure improvements, such as road and bridge projects. We strive to always be a 'good neighbor' in our community.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Purcell Christmas Dinner, Chickasaw Retreat, Conference Center highlight December

SCOTT WOOD

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chuckma!

Happy New Year to All! It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Chickasaw Legislator for 2013. Progress in the New Year looks promising for the Tishomingo District in 2014.

I want to say thank you to the Purcell Community Council on the wonderful Christmas Dinner and auction. Carole Lee & Wayne Maxwell do a great job with the festivities. The Greenwood family provided us with a spectacular performance with flute music. The Shackleford kids were also amazing with their Christmas songs as always. I was fortunate enough to be the winning bidder on a wooden sculpture called "Tall Chief" that Betty Kemp had donated from her brother Charles Kemp. Charles is an award winning Chickasaw artist that resides in Missouri. Mr. Kemp's wood sculptures are outstanding and very detailed. It will be finely displayed in my Legislative Office.

In December we had a ribbon cutting for the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center twelve miles southwest of Sulphur. The center is located between Arbuckle Lake and the Arbuckle mountains in Murray County. The facility is capable of accommodating parties, weddings, corporate retreats and other big events. This is an extraordinary facility with spectacular views that boasts an indoor pool, spa, fitness center, conference amphitheater and gourmet dining. Along with the new Artesian Hotel and Visitor's Center this facility will be an outstanding addition to tourism in the Tishomingo District.

Feel free to contact me anytime for any concerns, questions or needs.

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Ice storm, power outage can cause a little togetherness, frost on the chamber pot!

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I must say that the Panola senior Center finished off the year strong with a Christmas luncheon by candle light. The after lunch music was provided by some of the musically talented people among us! Cricket tickled the ivories, Joe serenaded on the guitar and we sang along, enjoying Christmas Carols. The final event was a gift exchange. It is always fun to see what others give and it helps me come up with gift ideas for the family.

The "big" ice storm that hit down our way was a big event. It caused an inconvenience but on the other hand it gave us a chance to slow down and in some cases actually stop and enjoy the moment. We were blessed and did not suffer any ill affects of the weather like many of you did. We had plenty of food, a fresh tree to decorate and no loss of power or heat! As a child, there was one particular winter that we had a major ice storm and did lose electricity and therefore no lights. To a kid that is exciting! We used coal oil lanterns and played cards or read books by lamp light. We went to bed early too and bundled up under stacks of blankets. It was hard to believe when Dad reminded us that using lamps was a part of his daily life growing up and winter nights would cause a frost on the chamber pot! Thank goodness we don't have to "rough" it too often. This ice event helped me to appreciate the things we do have and possibly take for granted.

Next year is here. I am not one to make new year's resolutions but I think I'm going to do it for this year. I resolve not to take my relationships with family and friends for granted,but to slow down and savor the moment. Enjoy the conversations, hugs and sharing of heart issues. AND I will be getting in a lot of Gram time with Ever Grace. May 2014 be a year of blessings for you and your family.

And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new, And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. Revelation 21:5

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Count of Voters by District

Panola	2,026	Pontotoc	13,205
Pickens	8,241	Tishomingo	5,769
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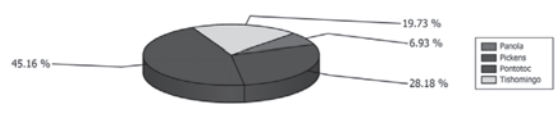


With winter upon us, the wisdom of those 'old ways' speak volumes of truth

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

There is a wise, old oak tree in my front yard. Back in October, I was walking in the yard with my son Jeff.

As we walked under the outstretched limbs of the huge oak, I looked up and noticed abundant bunches of acorns. There were thousands of clusters of five to six acorns. There were more acorns than I have seen in several years.

As I wondered at all the acorns, I heard my Grandpa's voice. It was a memory, but I could here him as plain as day.

He said "Smoke, you see all these acorns. It means we are going to have a hard winter. The deer, the squirrels, all the animals are going to need a lot of food to get through this winter."

So, I pointed to the clusters of acorns and told Jeff, "If my grandpa were here, he would say that all these acorns mean we are going to have a long, hard winter."

He wouldn't have said more, but I certainly heard and felt his sense of urgency for finishing winter preparations.

Well, that was back in October when I noticed all the acorns. In the first week of December, a major winter storm assaulted most of the United States, bringing snow, ice and record low temperatures that forced road, school and work place closings.

I'm no hearing long range weather forecasts of more winter storms like the one we endured at the first of December.

The wisdom of old ways never ceases to amaze me.

There were not weather men on television in the early 50's when Grandpa was sharing this wisdom with me. In fact, there was no television at my house in the early 50's.

The acorns got me thinking about other signs of nature that Grandpa used to forecast the weather.

In the fall, if Grandpa saw a woolly worm with an extra thick coat of hair, he knew we were in for a hard winter.

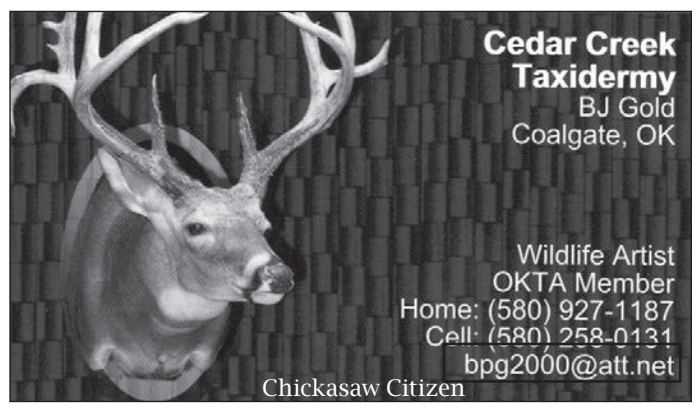
If ne noticed the livestock growing heavier winter coats than normal, he would tell us that he had seen another sign of a bad winter.

He would also inspect the interior of persimmon seeds. Inside persimmon seeds, which are inside the persimmon fruit, there are shapes. There is one shape per seed, and the shape can be that of a knife, fork or spoon. If Grandpa saw a knife or fork, he didn't worry about a hard winter. If the shape was a spoon though he braced for a hard winter, which meant cutting more wood and stockpiling more staple goods like flour, sugar and coffee.

See the picture below and see what Grandpa was seeing. The persimmon fruit is on the branch. There are unopened seeds that have been take from the fruit. Then, there are opened seeds with the shape visible. This year it is all spoons!

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and from my family to yours, "Happy New Year!"

Respectfully,
Katie



This year, be resolved to take some cultural classes and learn more about your tribe

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma, Chinchukma, Hello, how are you?

Here we are in 2014! Wow! That sounds so futuristic. As we look back on 2013, we might review our accomplishments, or we might reflect on our failures and vow to do better this year.

The New Year gives us a chance to make improvements in those areas of our lives where we feel we've not done our best. It might be with our own health. We may need to stop some bad habits and replace them with good habits, like eating right and starting an exercise program. Maybe we've considered starting a new career, but keep putting off going back to school or getting necessary certifications.

As you know, the Chickasaw Nation offers many programs to help enhance the lives of our citizens. Some of my favorite programs are the cultural classes offered to Chickasaws throughout the year. There are classes to learn stomp dancing, stickball, beading, language, pottery, and many more.

It was my honor to get to participate recently in a pinch pot class, which was taught by Dixie Brewer, Cultural Revitalization Specialist. Dixie did a great job explaining the history of the pinch pot and how our ancestors would have found the clay and, by trial and error, perfected the combination of materials to make their pots become functional, yet beautiful household articles. We then were able to use some of the techniques, which she taught us, to create a pinch pot.

I learned a lot that evening, and it felt good to be able to share a part of my culture with other Chickasaws. I would like to encourage you all to get more involved with your tribe this year.

For those of you living outside the Chickasaw Nation, have you checked out CNTV? You can access it by going to the website, www.Chickasaw.net. Here you can find information on many topics from history, current news, people, businesses, etc. I would also like to encourage you to start learning the language. Check out the Chickasaw Language App. It's a great way to learn every day greetings, phrases, and more. Let's make 2014 the best year ever and please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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Let's all remember our elders and make them a special focus of our lives during the year

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. December was a fast and furious month and several planned Christmas events were postponed or canceled due to a snow and ice storm. We had up to 4 inches of snow at the house but I managed to get the tree up and all presents wrapped.

Several Legislators attended Christmas dinner with the Oklahoma City Community Council. More people than usual attended and those folks know how to plan and hold a party! Purcell had to postpone until the 13th and they also expected a large turnout. The senior Christmas luncheon is always a happy affair with seniors from every site attending for a good meal, fellowship and entertainment.

The Legislature had to move its committee meetings to Committee of the Whole Day because of the weather. We met at the Artesian Hotel as usual and conducted all the business of the month. We are expecting the remainder of the winter to be cold.

I received correspondence from a lady in Stonewall asking me to visit her. Would she please send me directions to her house? She did not include an email address or telephone number in her correspondence.

I would love to visit with her as I enjoy all my visits with Chickasaws and especially elders. I visited several in December in spite of the weather. I also visited many in nursing homes and assisted living centers. A lot of them I have known from many years attending the senior site.

Let us remember our elders in this holiday season. They hold our past and know all the old stories. Both of my grandparents told me their stories and I pass them on so that they won't be lost. As children of God we should show kindness and love and pay attention to the stories. Brotherly love is ours to pass on as we slow down our busy lives and pause to listen.

I hope and pray that you all had a good Christmas season and wish you all a very prosperous, healthy and happy new year! May God bless you all!

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Tribe has enjoyed a great 2013 and there is much opportunity ahead of us in the new year

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Chickasaw Nation has been blessed with another prosperous year. 2013 brought us many new facility openings and a sustained financial situation in spite of Government Sequestration. I enjoy serving each and every one of you and hope you and your families enjoy a happy and healthy 2014.

Hope for the Future

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

~Jeremiah 29:11

A New Creation

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

~2 Corinthians 5:17

A New Heart

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so you will obey my laws and do whatever I command."

~Ezekiel 36:25-27

Learning from Past Mistakes

Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

~Hebrews 12:10-11

God's Timing is Perfect

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

~Ecclesiastes 3:11

Each New Day is Special

The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

~Lamentations 3:22-24

Happy New Year!
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Chickasaw artist creates unique pieces for new tribal facilities

Chickasaw artist Paul C. Moore with his creation "Voyages" at the Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur.

SULPHUR, Okla. - A soaring cooper and cast glass wall sculpture - "Voyages" - greets guests as they enter the south door of the Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur.

The 14-foot permanent exhibit was created specifically for the Visitor Center by Chickasaw artist and Oklahoma native Paul C. Moore.

Mr. Moore has contributed his considerable talents to the Chickasaw Nation for this project as well as several others in Chickasaw Country.

Also recently unveiled is the artist's "Dreams of Home," a 16-foot wall sculpture for the Chickasaw Welcome Center in Davis.

An original piece, "Dreams of Home" is an abstract sculpture created from multiple layers of circular disk pieces of glass, wood and water-jet cut steel. It is displayed behind the Center's welcome desk.

"The piece comes from my daydreams of being back in Oklahoma and my wish to travel the Southeast homelands, Mr. Moore said.

"When I think of being back in Oklahoma, my wish is to walk along the Pennington Creek where I fished with my cousin as a child and to travel farther east along the rivers in our traditional homelands."

The artwork includes shades of blue and green, which represent a rippling river and green riverside.

"Voyages" greets guests as they enter the south door of the Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur. The 14-foot permanent exhibit was created for the new Visitor Center by Chickasaw artist and Oklahoma native Paul C. Moore.

The multiple layers of glass are designed to reflect light and cast a variety of hues and shadows throughout the building.

Mr. Moore is a full-time artist and on the faculty staff at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. He has won awards in photography, graphic design and has created numerous paintings, sculpture and jewelry for private collections in the U.S. and Canada.

Mr. Moore created "Voyages" from copper and cast glass to compliment the soaring ceilings and limestone walls of the Chickasaw Visitor Center.

"I think the materials reflect this history of copper but also it's modern, artistic use," he said.

The piece is primarily a graphic symbol of directions and movement from the traditional homelands in the east. Glass paddles are included which represent the Chickasaw Nation's transition, as a people, in the exploration of culture and what the Chickasaw Nation is today.

Mr. Moore said he was honored his work was selected to grace the new Visitor Center and he that is able to share his passion for the arts.

"This is a world-class place where people from all over the country and all over the world come and see what we as a people and community have created and are creating, he said.

"This stunning opportunity allows me to challenge myself as an artist but also maybe challenge the community to examine what art is today in the world that we live in."

The artist also has art pieces on display at the Chickasaw Welcome Center. This unique exhibit displays Mr. Moore's original instruments and jewelry. The exhibit is open to the public for viewing through February 2014 and all pieces are for sale.

Paintings by Moore include a Pow Pow drum painted with contemporary Southeast designs. Another instrument, a ukulele, is covered with contemporary design work as well as several more traditionally formatted works. The art took the artist several months to design and create. Mr. Moore's men's and women's cuff bracelets, earrings and gorgets are also part of the collection. All the items were formed from copper, a traditional Native American material.

Both the Visitor Center and the Welcome Center currently display and rotate original pieces of artwork from Chickasaw and Native American artists.

The Chickasaw Visitor Center is located at the corner of Broadway and State Highway 7 in Sulphur. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

The Welcome Center is located at the southwest corner of exit 55 on I-35. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information about the Visitor Center call (580) 622-8050. For more information about the Welcome Center call (580) 369-4222, or visit Chickasaw Country's website at ChickasawCountry.com.

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The Chickasaw Nation Adult art classes, schedule and locations

January/February 2014

To sign up for classes, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Anyone Can Draw

"Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" by Betty Edwards will be used for guided instruction. This method has the best reputation for teaching students how to draw what they see and not what they know. If you have always wanted to learn how to draw then this is the class for you.

Saturday, January 11, 2014
Sulphur 1 - 4 p.m.
Monday, January 13, 2014
Ada 6 – 9 p.m.

Discovering Your Creative Side

Do you want to have fun and follow your intuition? Students will explore, experiment and create abstract work of art using watercolors. Imagination and creativity will be your guide!

Saturday, January 18, 2014
Sulphur 1 – 4 p.m.
Monday, January 20, 2014
Ada 6 – 9 p.m.

Introduction to Clay

Students will be creating a coiled construction clay pot. No experience is necessary.

Saturday, January 25, 2014
Sulphur 1 – 4 p.m.
Monday, January 27, 2014
Ada 6 – 9 p.m.

Mosaic 101

Students will create a one of a kind mosaic! A fun and exciting way to be creative with broken tiles, stained glass and found objects. Learn the basics with the correct tools, terminology and historical concepts. No prior art experience necessary. You are welcome to bring additional stained glass, tiles, glass marble drops or other mosaic pieces.

Saturday, February 1, 2014
Sulphur 1 – 4 p.m.
Monday, February 3, 2014
Ada 6 - 9 p.m.

Intro to Oil Painting

This class is designed around what the instructor wished she had known before starting oil painting. Exercises, terminology and tips will inspire the serious beginner. No oil painting experience required but previous acrylic or watercolor painting experience preferred. Drawing Skills are Necessary.

Saturday, January 4, 2014
Sulphur 1 – 4 p.m.
Monday, January 6, 2014
Ada 6 – 9 p.m.
Saturday, February 8, 2014
Sulphur 1 – 4 p.m.
Monday, February 10, 2014
Ada 6 – 9 p.m.

Ada Classroom: Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities, 201 North Broadway, Ada, OK (580) 272-5520

Sulphur Classroom: ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 West Muskogee, Sulphur, OK (580) 622-8040

Instructor: Kelly Pennington-Reed, local artist and 13 years of experience teaching art in public school.

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Mill Creek erosion necessitated move

Final resting place of Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris found in small rural family plot

A serene rural cemetery in Murray County, Okla., is the final resting place of five-term Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris, a determined advocate for the Chickasaw Nation before and after removal from the homelands.

One hundred and twenty-six years ago this month, January 6, 1888, Gov. Harris died at his home on a cold winter day. But the story of this remarkable man did not end with his death.

He was buried in the Old Mill Creek cemetery along the banks of Mill Creek and the original town site of Mill Creek in present day Johnston County, Okla.

Local resident Harold Dean Garrison chronicled remembrances of Gov. Harris' 1888 death from a Harris grandchild and a Pauls Valley undertaker in his book "Mill Creek, The Life and Times."

The undertaker was alerted by a 1 a.m. knock on his door in January 1888. Two men on horseback had traveled from Mill Creek to Pauls Valley, about 45 miles, in the wee hours of the morning to have the best coffin made for the former governor. "(The coffin) was made of the best lining and had the best handles and cost $40," according to the book.

Harris was laid to rest on his land in the Old Mill Creek cemetery, located along Mill Creek and near the grist mill he built. The building of the mill led to the name of the creek being changed from Cherokee Creek to Mill Creek.

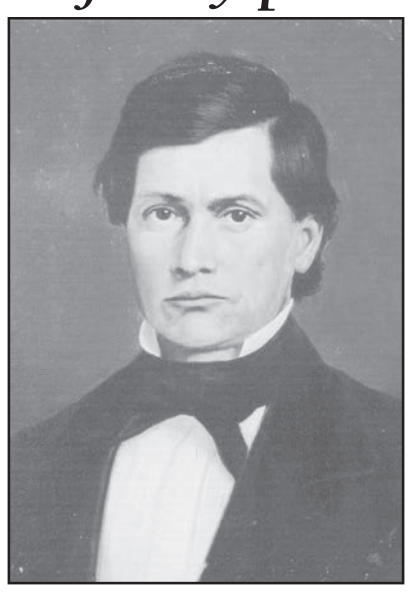
Almost eight decades later, in the 1960s, Gov. Harris' burial site was in danger when Mill Creek's banks flooded and eroded into the cemetery.

Cries to save the historic Chickasaw leader's grave were chronicled in the July 17, 1960 issues of the Ada Evening News by reporter Eric Allen.

Allen visited the cemetery with the late Jack Penner, Gov. Harris' great-grandson, as his guide.

The cemetery was situated on what is now the Penner Ranch in Johnston County. At the time, the remains of Gov. Harris' home, a small log cabin, still stood on the property at the edge of a tree-lined meadow three miles west of the present town of Mill Creek. The cabin and surrounding area were once the center of the original Mill Creek, Chickasaw Nation town site.

The town of Mill Creek was moved to its present site, three miles east along State Highway 7, after the railroad was built in 1901 and bypassed the original town.



GOV. CYRUS HARRIS

Gov. Harris' burial place was north of the cabin. In 1960, it was overgrown with trees and knee-deep brush.

"You will find it hard to believe that one of those broken and lichen-covered tombstones marks the grave of Cyrus Harris," Mr. Allen reported in the Ada News article. "It would seem incredible to you that the resting place of a five-time governor of the Chickasaw people hasn't been better preserved."

At the time of the reporter's visit, the creek had cut into a corner of the graveyard and washed out a section of the old iron fence.

The reporter speculated an abutment could be built to save this important burial site from being wiped out.

"Fifty years from now, or a hundred, some student or writer may be disappointed to find vanished forever the burial place of an Indian who five times had been bestowed upon him the highest honor that could be offered by the people of his tribe," Mr. Allen wrote.

Fast forward about a year and the reporter's pleas for preservation were answered when the governor's remains were relocated.

Former tribal Judge Charles Tate shared notes his late mother, Chickasaw Hall of Fame member the late Juanita Tate, had preserved about moving Gov. Harris' body to Drake-Nebo Cemetery, located a few miles west of the original burial place.

The Tates are decedents of Gov. Harris.

"They (family members) voted to move the grave back with his wife whose body was moved (to Drake Cemetery) in the 1900s," according to Mrs. Tate's notes.

Family members L.E. Kinney and Wilber White helped with the 1961 reinterment, according to Mrs. Tate's notes.

Judge Tate said he would like to see the gravesite become a destination site or have a historical marker erected along the highway noting the important site.

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The family burial plot of Gov. Cyrus Harris at Drake Cemetery in Murray County. Gov. Harris' tombstone is in the first row on the right of the burial plot.

About the Drake-Nebo Cemetery

Named for the surrounding communities, the rural Drake-Nebo Cemetery is the final resting place for several members of the Cyrus Harris family and more than 500 gravesites.

The Harris family gravesite is located in the middle section of the cemetery's west side. A wrought-iron gate surrounds the burial plot.

For many years, the gravesite was maintained by the Chickasaw Nation cemetery program.

Also interred here are five members of the Williams family who were killed by a tornado in 1917. A monument to the family, who had been buried in unmarked graves for many years, was erected.

The cemetery is located six miles south of Sulphur, off of U.S. Highway 177, west on Goddard Road for 1 mile, then south 1.5 miles, and west ¼ mile.

About Cyrus Harris

A businessman, interpreter, and first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Cyrus Harris was born August 22, 1817, in Pontotoc, Miss.

A decent of James Logan Colbert, Gov. Harris attended school in Mississippi and Tennessee and returned home in 1830. In 1835, as the Chickasaws were preparing to remove to Indian Territory, Gov. Harris, who spoke English and Chickasaw fluently, served as an interpreter at a government land office established at Pontotoc.

In 1837 Gov. Harris and his mother, Elizabeth Colbert Oxbury-Gunn, left for Indian Territory and arrived at Blue River in present Johnston County, Okla., in 1838. Gov. Harris moved three more times before settling at Mill Creek, where he resided until his death. He began his political career in 1850. He was twice sent as a delegate for the Chickasaw Nation to Washington.

Cyrus Harris was elected the first governor of the Chickasaw Nation in 1856, and was reelected in 1860, 1866, 1868, and 1872. In 1872 he approved the establishment of a boarding school at Wapanucka.

Supporters of Gov. Harris in 1878 submitted his name for governor, but in a contested election Benjamin C. Burney won by five votes. To maintain order, Gov. Harris withdrew and retired from politics. Throughout his life he was married three times and had 11 children.

About Penner Ranch

The oldest continuously family-owned business in Oklahoma, the Penner Angus Ranch can trace its roots to 1855, when Cyrus Harris founded the town of Mill Creek in present Johnston County and began raising stock, among many other business ventures.

Gov. Harris' daughter Amanda married Felix Penner, a Texas native born to German immigrants, in 1891, according to Chickasaw Nation marriage records.

Mr. Penner expanded the livestock operations and introduced Angus cattle to the area in 1912. The ranch eventually contained 11,000 acres. Charles and his brother Cyrus continued the ranching operation after Felix Penner died in 1939.

In 1995 the ranch received an Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch award. At the time, the Penner Trust owned the Penner Angus Ranch and is developed around the families' original Chickasaw allotments.

The ranch is still in operation today as a cow-calf operation with Cyrus Harris' great-great grandson Harris Penner and his family at the helm.

Gov. Cyrus Harris' great-great grandson Harris Penner surveys an old water pump which was once stood in the center of old Mill Creek when Gov. Harris established the town in the 1800s. The Harris family's remains were moved from the property in 1961 to near-by Drake-Nebo Cemetery when Mill Creek threated the burial place.

Marcy Gray

Oklahoma Main Street honors tribe for its investment in Chickasaw Nation communities

Oklahoma Main Street Center Coordinator Linda Barnett presents Gov. Bill Anoatubby an inscribed vase to honor the Chickasaw Nation's investments in downtown areas in Chickasaw Country. The award was presented Nov. 5 during the Oklahoma Main Street annual meeting at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Okla. Photo by Jeremy Zeller with the Oklahoma Main Street Center.

SULPHUR, Okla. – The Oklahoma Main Street program recently honored Governor Bill Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation for outstanding contributions to a downtown area in Chickasaw Country.

Oklahoma Main Street Center coordinator Linda Barnett presented Gov. Anoatubby the award Nov. 5 during the Oklahoma Main Street annual meeting at the Artesian Hotel.

"This hotel and all the other Chickasaw building projects around here have changed the face of downtown Sulphur," Ms. Barnett said.

She presented Gov. Anoatubby an inscribed vase which honored the economic and cultural contributions of the Chickasaw Nation to the area.

Changing communities is the goal of the Oklahoma Main Street effort, Ms. Barnett said, describing the Chickasaw Nation's contributions to downtown areas in Chickasaw Country as "phenomenal."

Gov. Anoatubby updated the group on Chickasaw Nation projects during his keynote address.

"We are creating a better quality of life by creating a better economy," Gov. Anoatubby said. "There is evidence of that here in Sulphur."

The Governor praised the low unemployment rate in Murray County, one of the lowest in Oklahoma.

"We are working to transform this whole area, to bring it back to its glory days, and tourism is the key, he said.

"For decades this area was a major tourist destination and we are working to bring that back to where it was."

Thirty-eight communities participate in the Oklahoma Main Street program.

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CHICKASAW COUNTRY

Merry Monroe developed knowledge, style that appealed to Indian students

Chickasaw educator forged unexpected career

There definitely is something about Merry.

Rev. Howard and Mrs. Lorena Baker knew their daughter would be born at Christmastime. When she did arrive, on Dec. 20, 1950, they christened her Merry Carol.

While unusual, the name fits her to a tee.

She sings, loves, cares and brings merriment to the lives of her Byng (OK) High School students and thousands of others. She is a member of Native Praise, a choir that sings Choctaw and Chickasaw hymns. Additionally, the choir witnesses in the Muscogean, Creek and Seminole languages, and Cherokee.

More importantly, she teaches the Chickasaw language so it will live on.

Her teaching mannerisms resemble a seasoned conductor coaxing beautiful music from an orchestra.

Four tribes could lay claim to her since she is proud to recite Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Delaware as her heritage.

Happily, Mrs. Monroe laid claim to Chickasaws.

Her journey in education, in helping others, a crusade assisting at-risk students has been full of twists, curves and detours. Merry Monroe navigated them all and, by doing so, enriched the lives of Chickasaws and non-Natives she has encountered along life's path.

Chickasaw citizen Merry Monroe teaches the Chickasaw language class at Byng (OK) High School.

THE LANGUAGE OF SILENCE

It was a hard-knock life for the Bakers. Mrs. Monroe's father – who later in life would become a highly-respected minister in Indian Country – was reared by his father. At age 10, his father died. He was bandied about "by whatever relatives had the means to care for him," Mrs. Monroe recalled. Ultimately, he was placed in Jones Academy, a Choctaw boarding school in Hartshorne, Okla.

He was fluent in both Chickasaw and Choctaw. But aside from a few words and phrases, he shared little of the language with his children. Indian boarding schools and social stigma were punitive. Only English was considered the language of success.

Her maternal grandmother spoke fluent Creek but did not share the language for many of the same reasons.

"As a child, I (was) staying with my grandmother and she was expecting the minister of her church to pay her a visit," Mrs. Monroe said. "When he arrived, they spoke entirely in Creek. I remember I wanted so badly to be able to speak with them."

In 1964, her father accepted God's call to lead the flock at the First Indian Baptist Church in Ada and the family relocated from Sapulpa, Okla. Because so many of the parishioners spoke Chickasaw, her father began teaching Mrs. Monroe and her siblings songs in the Choctaw and Chickasaw languages.

"Back then, I didn't understand what I was singing about," she said. "I knew the words but not the meaning."

An "insatiable yearning" to speak Native languages enveloped Mrs. Monroe, but it would only be as an adult that her desire would be fulfilled - almost by happenstance - and the Chickasaw language would be passed on to future generations.

A MOTHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

It was 1969 and 18-year-old Merry Baker was poised to graduate from Byng High School. She was a licensed cosmetologist and was anxious to attend nursing school. But injuries she sustained in an auto accident that summer lingered. Nursing school would have to wait.

Then-Byng Superintendent of Schools Marvin Stokes saw something special in Merry Baker. She had served Mr. Stokes as an aide and labored at sundry tasks. He approached her about going to work for Byng Schools in the Indian Education program, funded in part by the Johnson-O'Malley Act, as a tutor and teacher's aide. She would teach, in addition to acting as a liaison, between the school and Native students and their parents.

Mr. Stokes, and Merry Baker, knew many Indian students were only accustomed to Native traditions – some still speaking their Native languages in the home. Mr. Stokes believed Merry Baker would be a familiar and welcome face to many of these students and their parents.

But Merry Baker was hesitant. It meant commanding the attention of kindergarteners. It was her mother who said, "You can do this. You've been teaching (kindergarteners) Sunday School for years."

She accepted Mr. Stokes' offer in January 1970, all the while assuring herself it was only for a brief time. Nursing school beckoned.

She married.

She and her husband, Leonard Monroe, welcomed a daughter, Christy.

Mrs. Monroe continued teaching and assisting Native students.

One day she looked up at a calendar. It was 1983.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY AND A SURPRISE

The teacher with whom Mrs. Monroe worked very closely during those 13 years at Byng was Marilyn Hoehne. When a promotion to principal of Homer Elementary was offered, Mrs. Hoehne approached Mrs. Monroe about becoming her secretary.

Leaving the classroom was a difficult decision. It was made easier by a surprise blessing.

Leonard and Merry Monroe knew their one and only child would be Christy. That's until son James decided to make his debut. Working half days at Homer proved to be just the schedule Mrs. Monroe needed to stay active professionally, yet fulfill domestic responsibilities, too.

It was a time of transition.

Mrs. Monroe found herself in many roles at Homer – secretary, enrollment coordinator, Johnson-O'Malley record-keeper and Indian Education aide and tutor.

For the next nine years, she moved among the three schools in the Byng system – Byng, Homer and Francis. Finally, in 1998, she found herself permanently at Byng High School working with not only Native students but all at-risk students within the system.

"There were kids I would start (helping) and I couldn't leave them," she said. "I think that's why I've been here so long. There's always that student who makes me think 'maybe I need to stay just a little bit longer'."

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

Mrs. Monroe's "brief time" working for Byng Schools almost came to an end in 2002, 32 years after nursing school was "delayed."

A new federal law dubbed No Child Left Behind was embraced by Washington lawmakers. To continue helping students and staff, Mrs. Monroe needed 50 hours of college credit or pass a certification test. Without either, her days helping students and working staff support were finished.

"I just flat said 'I can't take a certification test' and I didn't think I was smart enough to go to college," she said.

Ultimately, Mrs. Monroe realized her only recourse was to begin higher education courses at East Central University in Ada nights and summers.

She decided to start slowly, enrolling in three classes totaling nine hours. They included Native American history, sign language and speech.

TOGETHER THEY THRIVE

There were less than 10 Indian students in her history class, yet they gravitated to one another and formed a study group. While never a quality test-taker – ("I freeze up taking tests") – Mrs. Monroe earned good grades and assisted others with quality study time just as she had throughout her career at Byng.

Then, something profound happened; something that would change her life – and the lives of others – forever.

"About my third or fourth semester, ECU began offering a Chickasaw language class," Mrs. Monroe recalls clearly. "I thought to myself 'wow, I'm going to get in there and do this'."

The instructor was Cedric Sunray.

"Everything he was throwing at us I was just trying to grasp," Mrs. Monroe said. "A lot of what we were doing in that Chickasaw class I knew. I ended up doing really well.

After a year, Mr. Sunray approached her. Had she learned enough to teach Chickasaw and get students started with the vocabulary and sentence structure at a Chickasaw language program at Byng?

While nodding her head "no," somehow "yes" came forth.

Mrs. Monroe embarked upon finishing every Chickasaw language course offered at ECU. She attended classes offered by the Chickasaw Nation. She approached fluent Chickasaw language speaker Pauline Walker to learn more. She was accepted into the Chickasaw Nation's Master Apprentice program and became immersed in the language with Mrs. Walker at the urging of Josh Hinson, director of the Chickasaw Nation Language Program.

She considered herself "not smart enough" to attend college. She doubted her ability to muster up the courage of finish 50 hours required by No Child Left Behind.

She proved herself wrong at every turn.

Mrs. Monroe earned a bachelor's degree from ECU in Native American Studies in 2011.

"The 50 hours was what was required and the 50 hours was so I could continue to work," she said. "The rest of it was for me."

Today, after 43 years, Mrs. Monroe works part time for Byng Schools, arriving every day to teach students the Chickasaw language.

Mrs. Monroe is proud to be Chickasaw. As with most of her life journey, it was a coincidence she became a Chickasaw citizen. Her initial citizenship was with the Creek Nation.

"My dad always said our family was Chickasaw, but we didn't have anything proving it," she said. "I was enrolled with the Creek Nation because of my mother. When my father's mother died, she left behind papers. My father put them up on a shelf and that's where they stayed. I was looking for something else one day and pulled the papers out.

"One of the papers said 'proof of heirship' and it named my great-grandfather as Chickasaw and his Dawes Commission roll number was 30, she recalled in amazement as if she discovered the papers yesterday.

"I married a Chickasaw man. My children are Chickasaw. I live in Chickasaw Country. It is what I am. When I found the papers, I went to see Gina Brown (a Chickasaw Nation official who verifies citizenship documentation). She looked at the papers and said everything looked right," Mrs. Monroe recalled.

"I just told her 'OK, I'm coming home'."

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Chickasaw citizens who participated in the Native Praise Choir during a trip to Hawaii in 2011 include, from left, Shirley Falls, Jesse Miller, Suzanne Russell, Merry Monroe and Ruby Scott. Mrs. Monroe has been a member of the choir for approximately 14 years. The choir is comprised on dozens of singers from different tribes. The choir sings songs in Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee. The choir has performed in the United Kingdom, Hawaii and many engagements throughout the United States.

Chickasaw Nation eyeglasses program making a big difference in Chickasaw lives across the country

For many Chickasaw citizens, the gift of vision is a blessing. One program helps make that possible.

The eyeglasses program has helped many Chickasaw citizens from across the country improve their vision. One Minnesota resident and Chickasaw citizen, Margaret Moore, was very impressed with the service and how quickly her glasses were ordered and completed.

Margaret Moore

"The Services At-Large staff was very helpful and professional," Ms. Moore said. "I highly recommend this service to any citizen living at-large. I am extremely satisfied with all available outreach services."

Another participant of the program, Chickasaw citizen and Oklahoma City resident Gwendolyn Box, also was excited to receive her new glasses.

"I didn't realize how bad my eyes were until I put on my new pair of glasses," Ms. Box said. "I could see clearly for the first time in five years!"

This program provides citizens with a $150 benefit from Oklahoma Optical toward the cost of one pair of prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses every two years. There is no age restriction. It is not a reimbursement plan for optical goods obtained elsewhere.

Angela Black, Services At-Large Tribal Health Outreach Coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation, works with citizens every day to meet their vision needs.

"The $150 benefit they receive is a blessing and to see clearly is a necessity," she said. "I am so happy we have programs like these to assist our citizens."

For more information on the eyeglasses program, contact Ms. Black, Services At-Large Tribal Health Outreach Coordinator at (800) 851-9136, ext. 80920 or (580) 559-0792.

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Health Programs and Services for you!

The Chickasaw Nation has made great strides over the past few years in providing quality programs and services for Chickasaw people, regardless of where they live.

The tribe strives to improve and expand the more than 200 programs and services offered across the Chickasaw Nation. Many programs are funded through the tribe's diverse commercial operations. As programs and services grow, so does the capacity to fulfill the mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

The following are examples of the many health-related programs and services offered to Chickasaw people.

DENTURE PROGRAM

This program provides one pair of dentures every five years, including fitting, adjustments and repairs after removal of teeth by Chickasaw Nation dental clinic providers. Call (580) 272-2704 for more information.

DIABETES CARE CENTER

The Diabetes Care Center provides medical, educational, nutritional and exercise services to those who qualify. Additional services include a specialized diabetes prevention program, gestational diabetes program, foot care, retinal photography, dental hygiene and behavioral health. Medical services are by appointment and require referral from a primary medical provider or same day clinic provider. Patients may not self-refer. Call (580) 421-4532 or (800) 851-9136 for more information.

EYEGLASSES PROGRAM

This program provides an allowance of $150 toward contact lenses or one pair of glasses every two years. The eyeglasses are made by Oklahoma Optical, a tribally-owned lens manufacturing business. Specialty lenses and frames are available at a low cost to the patient. Call (580) 559-0792 for more information.

FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAMS (WIC & SENIORS)

This program provides checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at authorized Farmers' Markets and Farm Stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation beginning from May through October. Senior Farmers' Market applications can be taken at any Nutrition Services office; WIC Farmers' Market checks can be picked at the WIC clinics.

The Farmers' Market program also provides Chickasaw elders with winter fruit and vegetable packages to ensure access to produce year around. This monthly benefit which begins in November and continues through March can be picked up at any of the three Nutrition Services locations in Ada, Ardmore or Purcell. Call (580) 272-5714 for more information.

HEARING AID PROGRAM

Following an exam and evaluation, hearing aid(s) may be provided every three years to eligible individuals. Most repairs are covered by warranty and additional hearing aids may be purchased at cost. Call (580) 272-2701 for more information.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program provides up to $2,500 toward two episodes of urgent medical care annually for eligible services not covered by existing tribal programs or other alternative resources. Application must be completed within 180 days from the incident/injury/illness. Call)580) 272-2704 for more information.

WELLNESS CENTERS

The Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers provide education, mentoring, monitoring, incentives and access to activities that promote exercise, nutrition and overall improved health including aerobics and weight training. Wellness Centers are located in Ada, Ardmore, and Tishomingo.

The facilities are open to the public for a fee. Children must be 12 years of age or older to use equipment. All children 10 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Call (580) 310-9661 for more information.

WIC PROGRAM - WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM

Women, infants and children may participate in supplemental food and nutrition education programs designed to improve the health of participants during critical stages of growth and development.

Nutritionists, a lactation consultant and breastfeeding peer counselors are available to assist families. Applicants should call for an appointment. Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo. Call (855) 559-0985 for more information.

For more information about available programs and services, visit www.Chickasaw.net/services.

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20th anniversary of Chickasaw Nation-IHS Indian health care compact upcoming

Twenty years ago, the Chickasaw Nation became the first tribe in Oklahoma to compact with the U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS) to assume authority for the health care of its citizens, and all Native Americans in its service area.

The Chickasaw Nation desired to offer programs and services tailored to the needs of Chickasaws and Native Americans.

In order to succeed, the tribe would now determine how health care funds would be spent, where they would be spent, what programs could be initiated to provide improved medical facilities, staff, nurses and physicians, as well as assisting Indians in making wise health decisions.

The only way to accomplish this feat was to assume responsibility for Indian health care.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, in a November 2007 Chickasaw Times column, said the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, built in 1980, was originally designed to accommodate approximately 20,000 patients annually. By 2007, the facility was handling almost 10 times that number.

"It is obvious we are bursting at the seams as we maximize the use of our current health care capacity," Gov. Anoatubby wrote in announcing the tribe would break ground on a new medical center.

By 2010, the dream was realized.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, a 370,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art complex, was completed. The Chickasaw Nation assumed responsibility for Carl Albert from IHS in 1994 and operated out of the Ada facility until the new medical center opened.

The compact was executed in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Under the compact, the Chickasaw Nation operated its own hospital and health clinics. By agreeing to take over from IHS, the tribe took charge of its own destiny and laid the groundwork for improving the health of Native Americans while providing countless services – from wellness centers to diabetes control and prevention to vision, dental and nutrition – to its citizens.

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SoonerCare can boost health care coverage for Oklahomans

More than 125,000 Indian people are enrolled in the SoonerCare program. SoonerCare is the Medicaid health coverage program in Oklahoma jointly funded by the federal and state government. This program helps pay some or all medical bills for many people who are unable to afford them.

To qualify for SoonerCare, a person must reside in Oklahoma, be a U.S. citizen, and meet financial income and resource standards in the categories listed below:

- Adults with children under 19 years of age
- Children under age 19 and pregnant women
- Individuals age 65 and older
- Individuals who are blind or who have disabilities
- Women under age 65 in need of breast or cervical cancer treatment
- Men and women age 19 and older with family planning needs

To find out if you qualify for SoonerCare, visit the real-time eligibility website at www.mysoonercare.org.

Native American SoonerCare members may choose an Indian health care provider, or any SoonerCare eligible provider.

Typical SoonerCare services for children include dental, vision, pharmacy and specialty care. Though the majority of SoonerCare recipients are children, the SoonerCare Supplemental and Living Choice programs are services provided to the aging adult population.

The SoonerCare Supplemental program pays Medicare coinsurance and deductibles, and provides benefits to supplement services provided by Medicare.

Living Choice program members are offered the chance to move back home or into an apartment after living in a nursing facility.

SoonerCare membership is used as a resource in tribal communities. SoonerCare cards can be used at any U.S. Indian Health Service, tribal or urban Indian health care facility, or any other available SoonerCare provider.

For more information about Soonercare, visit www.okhca.org, or call the patient benefit coordinator office at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center at (580) 421-4592.

For a complete listing of SoonerCare providers in your area, visit www.okhca.org/individuals.aspx?id=518.

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
TIMELINE AND DEADLINES

March 23, 2010: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) is approved by Congress and becomes law. Also approved are permanent reauthorizations of the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act (IHCIA) which is very important to Native Americans.

Jan. 1, 2011: Medicare begins providing additional free preventive care services.

June 29, 2012: The United States Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of ACA in a 5-4 decision.

Sept. 6, 2013: The federal government grants Oklahoma a one-year extension to operate its own health care program, known as Insure Oklahoma. The state rejected federal government incentives to expand the Medicaid health care program for low income citizens and declined to set up its own health insurance exchange for consumers to shop for insurance. Oklahomans may research options using the federal government's marketplace exchanges at www.healthcare.gov. Oklahomans may also phone 1-800-318-2596 to enroll or make inquiries.

Oct. 1, 2013: Uninsured Americans began enrolling in the health plan through state and federal health care exchanges.

Jan. 1, 2014: Deadline for purchasing health insurance and deadline for Chickasaw citizens to formally file for the Indian exemption to the law. Native Americans must be citizens of a federally recognized tribe and possess a Certification of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in order to be exempt for ACA rules, fines and penalties. The 2014 tax penalty for remaining uninsured is $95 per individual or 1 percent of annual income, whichever is greater.

Jan. 1, 2015: The tax penalty increases to $325 per individual or 2 percent of annual income, whichever is greater.

Jan. 1 2016: Tax penalty increases to $695 per individual or 2.5 percent of annual income, whichever is greater.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
TIMELINE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

Jan. 1, 2014: Native Americans must be citizens of a federally recognized tribe and possess a Certification of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in order to be exempt for ACA rules, fines and penalties.

Jan. 1, 2014: Native Americans not citizens of a federally recognized tribe must have a CDIB in order to apply for a hardship waiver to avoid fines and penalties.

NOW: Many Native Americans may qualify for tax credits and other benefits to reduce the cost of insurance purchased through ACA. The credits are based on annual income.

NOW: Native Americans have an opportunity to purchase benefits that will allow greater flexibility to health care in addition to IHS.

NOW: Chickasaw citizens wishing to explore options of enrolling in the ACA marketplace to augment Indian Health Services benefits may telephone 580-436-3980, extension 80202. Patient Benefits Coordinators for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health are Lea and Tammy. They will be available to answer questions and assist Chickasaw citizens. The direct line to Patient Benefit Assistants at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is 580-421-4592.

the Chickasaw Nation

Chickasaws may apply online for a CDIB and for tribal citizenship at WWW.CHICKASAW.NET.

Go to the Services tab to input information. Individuals may also phone (580) 436-7250 for assistance.

Tribe partners with Chickasaw Nation communities

Chickasaw Nation recognized for superior 'green' efforts with household hazardous waste collection programs

Members of Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services gather to receive the 2013 Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Environmental Excellence Award presented during a December ceremony. Pictured from left are Brent Shields, Dana Clifton, Joey Seeley, Ambrie Johnson, Executive Officer John Ellis, Cindy Gammons, Brandon Prince and Director Linda Robins.

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation received top honors at the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) awards ceremony Dec. 3. The event was at Oklahoma City's National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

The tribe received an Environmental Excellence Award in the tribal government category for its partnership with the cities of Chickasha, Ardmore and Ada in the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

"This project was our contribution in keeping our communities clean and safe from environmental hazards which includes a partnership with local communities," tribal Construction and Support Services executive officer John Ellis said. "The Department of Environmental Services is a relatively small department and to be recognized by Keep Oklahoma Beautiful is an honor."

During the ceremony, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful honored finalists and announced the winners of the Environmental Excellence Competition. More than 500 guests attended.

Many Oklahomans were represented at the event. From elementary school children to government officials, the awards banquet was a celebration of excellence happening all over the state.

Also presented at the ceremony were the winners of five Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Board of Director awards. Individual recipients of these awards included Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, Norma Lynne Paschall of the Ardmore Beautification Council, and Buzz McDonald of Warren Caterpillar.

Ms. Paschall received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of work with the Ardmore Beautification Council. Before her retirement earlier this year, she was instrumental in the success of the Ardmore household hazardous waste collection program. The City of Ardmore and the Chickasaw Nation partnered to make the program a success.

"It was wonderful working with Chickasaw Nation," Ms. Paschall said. "They were so efficient and it was impressive how many people came out and supported the collection program. It was the first household hazardous waste event in Ardmore and we hope they will be back this year."

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About Keep Oklahoma Beautiful

Keep Oklahoma Beautiful is a statewide nonprofit organization. Its mission is to encourage, facilitate and recognize efforts to improve Oklahoma's aesthetic, environmental and sustainable quality of life. Keep Oklahoma Beautiful was founded in 1965.

The culmination of each year's work is the annual, statewide awards competition, leading to the annual awards recognition banquet. The early winter event recognizes the best of the environmental best in Oklahoma.

As a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful organizes the annual Great American Cleanup in Oklahoma. The organization provides materials and tools for communities and volunteers. Startup cash grants are available for qualifying Keep Oklahoma Beautiful network organizations.

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An expansive great room is a primary feature of the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center. The facility was officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony Dec. 19. Jacquelyn Sparks

development in this area," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We believe the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center provides an ideal destination for work, play, rest and relaxation."

Located on 1,750 acres in the heart of the Arbuckle Mountains, the Retreat and Conference Center is a great place for group outings, business conferences, corporate retreats or company parties.

The conference meeting space includes a 125-seat indoor amphitheater, an executive board room, a great room with a luxury lounge and dance floor, and a full conference area with three break-out rooms and hospitality centers. Each meeting room is equipped with state-of-the art technology.

A full-service wellness center and spa, with indoor and outdoor walking tracks, cutting-edge fitness equipment, a large heated pool, hot tub, manicure and pedicure services and private massage therapy rooms are also features of the property.

The gourmet restaurant seats up to 75 guests and has a buffet area, private dining room and a separate lounge. Banquet catering service is also available.

From standard rooms to executive suites, the Chickasaw Retreat offers an array of accommodations. All 43 rooms are equipped with modern conveniences as well as luxurious accommodations.

The Retreat and Conference Center is conveniently located near other Chickasaw Country destinations in the area, including the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Chickasaw Cultural Center, Bedré Fine Chocolate, Turner Falls Park and the Artesian Hotel, Casino and Spa. Retreat guests can easily explore scenic sites and iconic attractions around the area during their stay.

The Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center is located at 4205 Goddard Youth Camp Road, Sulphur, Okla.

For more information or to book group reservations at the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, please call (580) 993-2327 or toll free at 1-855-899-8260. To book corporate accommodations, please contact 1-800-622-6317. Visit http://chickasawcountry.com/explore/view/chickasaw-retreat-conferencecenter for more information.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, second from right, cuts the ribbon dedicating the new Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center. The dedication was Dec. 19 at the facility, located near Sulphur, Okla. From left are Chickasaw tribal legislators Nancy Elliott, Shana Tate Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Mary Jo Green and Tim Colbert; Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Keel and legislator Steven Woods.

CHICKASAW RETREAT AND CONFERENCE AMENITIES

Indoor/Outdoor event space
Business centers
Conference amphitheater - Seats 125
Complimentary high speed internet access
Onsite spa facility
Onsite catering service
Indoor pool
Sauna
Fitness Center
39 standard room and 4 suites

Two-month FY2014 numbers continue to keep pace

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending November 30, 2013

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $12.52 million for the month and $27.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $10.2 million for the month and $18.3 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through November totaled $195.3 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $37.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2013, the tribal government funds had $228 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $19.9 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $153.2 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of November 30, 2013, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.64 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Two Months Ended November 30, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	1,680,064	195,396,361	197,076,425
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		25,626,366	(25,626,366)	-
Total funds available		27,306,430	169,769,995	197,076,425
Expenditures				
General government		1,151,054		
Legislature		454,506	-	454,506
Judiciary		213,778	-	213,778
Education		2,412,506	-	2,412,506
Heritage Preservation		2,850,691	-	2,850,691
Health		2,680,174	-	2,680,174
Youth Services		1,100,859	-	
Family Services		1,594,489	-	1,594,489
Nutrition Programs		950,881	-	950,881
Regulatory		1,689,821	-	1,689,821
Assistance Programs		3,261,699	-	3,261,699
Gaming expense		-	112,800,420	112,800,420
Other businesses' expense		-	44,996,129	44,996,129
Total expenditures		18,360,457	157,796,549	173,905,093
Increase in net assets		8,945,973	11,973,447	20,919,419
Beginning net assets		697,884,311	922,218,076	1,620,102,387
Ending net assets	$	706,830,284	934,191,523	1,641,021,806

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
November 30, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	228,393,568	153,242,464	381,636,032
Receivables		28,136,441	59,585,464	87,721,905
Inventory		75,255	8,316,978	8,392,233
Prepaid expenses		-	17,677,329	17,677,329
Other Assets		-	1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets		451,255,342	857,982,666	1,309,238,008
Less payables		(1,030,322)	(163,815,879)	(164,846,201)
Net Assets	$	706,830,284	934,191,522	1,641,021,806

BIRTHS

Clayton Gene Rohla

Clayton Gene Rohla was born at 9:30 A.M., October 18, 2013. He weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 18.5 inches at birth. He is the son of Charles Rohla and Andrea Bryant-Rohla, Roff, Oklahoma. He is the grandson of Carl and Linda Bryant. His is the great-great grandson of Chickasaw original enrollee Arch Pettigrew and great-great-great-grandson of Bessie Lewis.

Azrael Shain Howland holding Aurora Sage Howland.

Proud big brother Azrael Shain Howland, age three and one-half, is proud to announce the birth of his new baby sister Aurora Sage Howland.

Aurora was born at 10:15 p.m. on Aug. 25 at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. She weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 20 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Adam Howland and Susan Morgan.

Grandparents are Greg and Carla Chamberlayne. Great-grandparents are Clifford and Marcell Hogue.

Proud uncle is Aaron Howland.

BIRTHDAY

Annabella Rayford

Annabella Rayford celebrated her first birthday October 9, 2013 with a princess party.

Happy Birthday Toots!

We love you so much.

The year has gone by too fast!

Love, Mommy Daddy Diamond and Marquis

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Brandon Landrum

Brandon Landrum on track for Eagle

A Chickasaw Scout has joined a Boy Scouts of America troop after completing achieving the top rank in Cub Scouts.

Brandon Landrum lives in Moore, Okla. He has joined Boy Scout Troop 150 in Moore and is working toward achieving his Eagle Scout.

Earlier in 2013, Brandon achieved the highest Cub Scout rank, The Arrow of Light.

Brandon began on the Cub Scout trail with Pack 4306 in Chickasha, Okla. When he moved to Moore, he joined Pack 200. He worked his way all the way up through the ranks to The Arrow of Light.

Brandon has continued to stay very active in Scouting. He has raised all the money to pay for his uniforms, dues and camps.

Brandon is the son of Duane and Carrie Landrum, of Moore. His sisters are Ashley and Malia Landrum.

He is the grandson of Timmy and Patty Griffin, of Alex, Okla., and the late Tammy Landrum, of Picayune, Miss., and Mary Landrum, of Moore.

He is the great-grandson of Martha and the late Fred Hill, of Dibble, Okla., and Don and Marian Griffin, of Purcell, Okla.

He is the great-great-grandson of Ruby McKinney, of Ada, Okla.

Carrie Johnson

Carrie Johnson does well in scholarship program

A Chickasaw student has recently placed in a Texas recognition program.

Carrie Johnson is a sixth-grade student from Teague, Texas. She is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club.

The Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition program was conducted Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 in San Antonio. Carrie placed seventh out of 89 girls competing in the program.

The program recognizes girls in grades two through seven who are academic achievers and are leaders in their schools and communities. A total of $5,000 in awards and prizes went to the participants.

Carrie is the daughter of Daniel and Melissa Johnson. She is the granddaughter of Danny Johnson, of Kingston, Okla., and is the great-granddaughter of the late Sterling and Madeline Johnson.

Chickasaw Nation, OKC Thunder team up

Governor Bill Anoatubby, Oklahoma City Thunder All-Star Kevin Durant, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Family Services Jay Keel, and Nike N7's Tessa Sayers and Lee Perez. The tribe sponsors Chickasaw children to basketball clinics led by Mr. Durant in Oklahoma City.

'Ironhorse' wins Warriors Showcase Shootout

The 13-14-year-old boys' basketball team Ironhorse recently won the Warriors Showcase Shootout in Henryetta, Okla.

A 13/14 year-old boys' baseball team recently won a big area tournament.

Ironhorse, based in Ada, Okla., went undefeated and were named champions of the 11th Annual Warriors Showcase Shootout in Henryetta, Okla. A total of 70 team participated in the tournament, 11 in Ironhorse's age bracket.

The team is comprised of Ada-area players and is coached by Sara Willie, a Chickasaw citizen.

Five Ironhorse players received special recognition. Darian Davis was named tournament Most Valuable Player; Kobe Burgess received the Hustle Award; Trejan Blue was named Best Offensive Player; and Billy Wall and Kenan Loggins were both named to the All Tournament Team.

Braden Davis earns BSA Eagle Scout

On December 14, Chickasaw citizen Braden Davis earned the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Braden is the 15-year-old son of Neal and Cathy Davis. He is a descendant of Isaac Underwood.

Triana Browne-Hearrell

Triana Browne-Hearrell in major music video

A Chickasaw student, athlete and actress has recently appeared in a major music video.

Triana Browne-Hearrell appears in "Beautiful War" with the popular rock group Kings of Leon. Her mothers, brother and grandmother are also in the cast.

Previously, Miss Hearrell has appeared as an extra in "Joyful Noise," a movie featuring Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton, and "Rudderless," a soon-to-be released film directed by actor William H. Macy.

Miss Hearrell attends Oklahoma State University.

Harvests a nice buck

Chickasaw citizen Tyler Edgar, 15, harvested this nice 10-point buck white-tail deer while hunting with his father in October. Tyler is the son of Chickasaw Nation employee Steven Edgar and Stacy Edgar, of Sulphur, Okla.

Chickasaw QB brings light to life of a friend

Caleb Scott

LITTLE AXE, Okla. – Caleb Scott is a 15-year-old Chickasaw boy of few words, but his compassion and actions speak volumes about how God is working in his life to improve the lives of others.

Caleb is an imposing figure at 6 feet tall and 210 pounds. He's the star quarterback for the Life Christian Eagles. And, while he may be able to take a hit, or deliver one on the gridiron, his lifelong membership at Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church allows him to reveal his gentle and inspiring side.

He learned through his mother that a Purcell, Okla., co-worker's 17-year-old son, who has Downs Syndrome, was fighting for his life after being diagnosed with leukemia. Caleb's father, Bryce, is pastor of the church and his mother is a staff assistant at Little Axe School.

When Caleb learned of Peter Wellner's plight, he sprang into action with help from his parents.

Peter is a huge fan of Superman, both comic book and big screen versions. Caleb decided the best way to cheer up the ill and challenged Peter was to don a Superman suit and pay him a visit at Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

A visit to Costume Fun House in Oklahoma City sealed the deal. Considering the mission Caleb was embarking upon, the business donated the super hero costume.

On October 27, "Superman" walked up to Peter's bedside.

To say Peter was thrilled would be an understatement.

"Peter's mother (Kristina) said Peter had not felt well all day and was unable to sit up in bed," Bryce Scott told the Baptist Messenger, a publication that reports stories of interest to Baptist faithful. "But when he saw "Superman" come into the room, he sat up in bed and had a big smile on his face."

Caleb, seeing the chemotherapy had taken a physical and emotional toll on Peter, encouraged him. He encouraged Peter to take his medicine, to endure the energy-depleting treatments and to follow the instructions of doctors and nurses.

Peter promised "Superman" he would.

"It was very special," Caleb said. "I believe Peter thought Superman was paying him a visit."

Caleb is planning another visit to Peter soon to keep his spirits up and to minister to him about the healing power of God. Peter remains in Children's Hospital and probably will be there for at least two more months.

Following the visit, the Scotts and Wellners shared a prayer together.

"That day, I saw the Lord's love preached louder than any sermon I have ever delivered behind the pulpit," Bryce Scott told the Messenger. "I am thankful to God for giving us a son who shows the Lord's love in action. In this day, when we hear so much of what is wrong with our youth, it is refreshing to know we have many Southern Baptist youth willing to share Christ's love."

For Caleb, the visit was a spiritually moving experience.

"I thank God for giving me the opportunity to encourage Peter who has been going through so many hard times," he said. "He (Peter) is doing much better and that reinforces the power God has to touch lives and heal."

Caleb was baptized at Cornerstone Indian Baptist. His faith is strong and so is his father's. But it is clear Peter wasn't the only one encouraged by Caleb. His father spoke of how his son's actions inspired him, too.

"For our son to volunteer to do this for Peter was a great witness to me," Bryce Scott told the Messenger. "Caleb, who was saved at Indian Falls Creek many years ago, never hesitated or considered what others might say about him wearing a Superman costume. He didn't care what others thought. He just wanted to bring a little joy to Peter."

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Tech. Sgt. Kervin Trae Dupart

Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Brian Stives

Chickasaw non-com featured in company newsletter

A Chickasaw non-commissioner U.S. Air Force officer was recently featured in his company newsletter during Native American Heritage Month.

Tech. Sgt. Kervin Trae Dupart is a member of the USAF's 501st Combat Support Wing serving at Royal Air Force Alconbury, United Kingdom. Sgt. Dupart is an administrator who initiates contracts on behalf of the Air Force for supplies and services.

He was the subject of a November feature in the newsletter.

Sgt. Dupart joined the Air Force in 2003, following in his father's footsteps. He originally joined the service, he said, to take care of his family and complete his education.

"Being in the Air Force has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," Sgt. Dupart said.

Sgt. Dupart is from Panama City, Florida.

Headed for Oklahoma Baptist University

Chickasaw ballplayer uses injury year as springboard

Harlee Griffis

SULPHUR, Okla. – Not many young women can wear a tiara one minute and bat .586 the next.

Chickasaw citizen Harlee Griffis does both with pride and humility. She was crowned 2013 Sulphur High School football queen, which, she said, was a pleasant surprise considering "all the great girls in my senior class."

But the petite young lady's feats on the softball field were … well … great!

The 17-year-old Sulphur High School senior put up some amazing numbers during her last season with the Lady Bulldogs fast-pitch team. Those numbers earned her a scholarship to play ball for Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU). And, the Chickasaw Nation will be helping with her educational expenses as well.

"Between the softball scholarship and scholarships provided by the tribe and others, it will be a full four-year ride for me," Harlee said, adding she was thrilled to join Pam Fink's OBU team. Coach Fink is no stranger to the Chickasaw Nation. She earned her degree from East Central University in Ada before moving on to the college coaching ranks.

Coach Fink was inducted into the OBU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. She guided the Lady Bison to the NAIA Final Four in 2002, marking the team's first appearance in the tournament in 20 years. That squad set a record with 43 wins as Coach Fink claimed Sooner Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors. The OBU women reached the NAIA Tournament again in 2003.

Harlee will join the Lady Bison during the 2015 Spring outing. Harlee's achievements and her desire "to work hard, practice hard and earn a spot on the team" just might propel the program into the national spotlight again.

Consider the following:

- Harlee batted .586, connecting for hits 65 times in 111 times at-bat.
- She struck out only once last season.
- She stole 39 bases in 41 attempts.
- She had a .684 on-base percentage and swatted in 22 runners for the Lady Bulldogs.

Oddly, it may have been an injury her junior year that culminated in such stellar statistics her senior year.

"I hurt my right quad (a muscle in the thigh) my junior year and had to baby it," Harlee said. "It was cold and I stepped on the base wrong."

With physical therapy and by nursing it along, Harlee was able to be at peak performance her senior year.

Many schools came courting with scholarship offers, but "from the moment I stepped on (the OBU) campus and met Coach Fink, I knew that was where I wanted to be," Harlee said.

The added bonus is OBU is close to home so visits will be frequent.

She inked the national letter of intent with OBU in October. She's not looking back.

"When I step on the field, there is a change that comes over me," Harlee said. "I am in the moment. I have nothing on my mind except to play hard and win."

Harlee plays second base and right field. She credits her Sulphur softball coach, Heath Gilbert, with excellent coaching which translated to success for her on the field.

"He has helped me a bunch," she said.

Harlee has the ability to study pitches and place the ball where she desires, but admits she'll swing at pitches with just the idea of getting on base or driving a base runner home. Her parents introduced her to softball by signing her up as a youngster to play T-ball. She has been active in the sport from summer youth, to junior high school and through high school.

Harlee also was a member of the Oklahoma Force, a summer team comprised mostly of Oklahoma City-area players. That is where she met Yukon, Okla.'s Carrie Abrams. Harlee and Carrie will be roommates and teammates at OBU.

Harlee is the daughter of Mark and Misty McDonough, of Sulphur, and Scott and Tiffany Griffis, of Wister, Okla.

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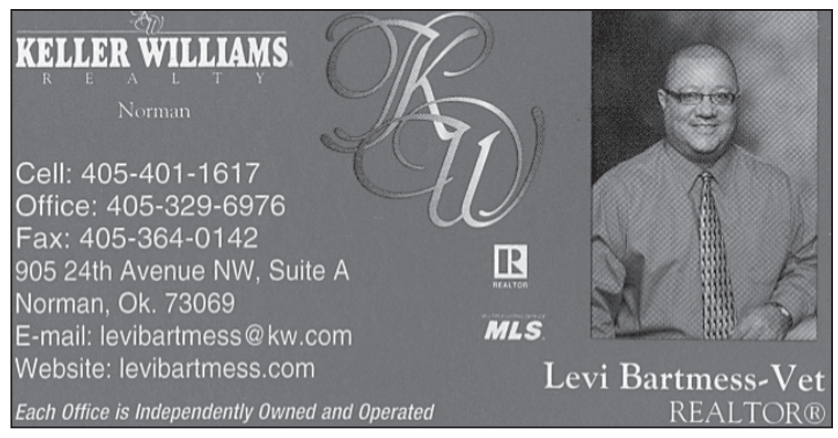
Norton, Monetathchi exchange vows

Dusk Monetathchi and Robin Norton, both Chickasaw citizens, were married Oct. 12, 2013 at Midway Hill Baptist Church, Sulphur, Okla. The Monetathchis are employed with the Chickasaw Nation. The couple make their home in Sulphur, Okla., with children Jake and Kira.



Recognized for advocacy of WWII Code Talkers

Chickasaw historian Towana Spivey to be honored by Comanche Nation

Towana Spivey

LAWTON, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee and nationally renowned historian Towana Spivey will be honored Jan. 19 by the Comanche Nation.

Mr. Spivey, a descendent of several generations of Chickasaws who came to Indian Territory along the Trail of Tears in 1837, will receive a bronze medal at a special banquet planned for families of World War II Comanche Code Talkers who were recently recognized in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Spivey will be honored for his advocacy on behalf of Code Talkers from all tribes and his tireless quest to see them honored last November by the U.S. Congress. Another Chickasaw, U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.),was also directly involved in ceremonies during which gold medals were awarded to surviving Code Talkers or to their families.

The ceremony honoring Mr. Spivey will be in Lawton, a community in southeastern Oklahoma where he served as director and curator of the Fort Sill National Historic Landmark and Museum. He is now retired and resides in Duncan, Okla.

Mr. Spivey graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in history and natural science. He earned his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in anthropology/archeology and museum studies.

While conducting archaeological investigations at 19th century military posts and prehistoric and historic sites, Mr. Spivey worked simultaneously as curator for the Chickasaw White House, located in Emet, Okla., while conducting research to restore the home to its original form. Mr. Spivey was also a consultant on the preservation of the original 1855 Chickasaw Nation Council House, located on the grounds of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol in Tishomingo, Okla.

Mr. Spivey has authored several books and articles pertaining to frontier history and has served as a primary consultant or been featured in at least 35 television documentaries. He has also worked as a historical consultant to movie productions, playing an intricate role in the development of characters and historical accuracy in the making of the movies "Windtalkers" and "Dances with Wolves."

Mr. Spivey has been regularly involved in preserving the history, language and material culture of many Oklahoma tribes including the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Comanche, Kiowa, Chiricahua Apache and the Warm Springs Apache.

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Gospel roots have led to musical career among the stars

Chickasaw singer/songwriter to entertain at McSwain Theatre

Chickasaw singer/songwriter Tabitha Anoatubby Fair will make her debut concert appearance at the McSwain Theatre Saturday, Jan. 25. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw singer/songwriter Tabitha Anoatubby Fair will make her debut concert appearance at the McSwain Theatre Saturday, Jan. 25. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Fair, an Oklahoma native who now calls New York City home, has made her musical mark on the world. She is excited to come home for the McSwain performance.

"I am so grateful, thankful and proud that the Chickasaw Nation is allowing me to come home to the McSwain Theatre and share my artistry that the tribe helped nurture," she said.

An award-winning songwriter and vocalist, Ms. Fair will perform with her New York City-based band.

"I am so proud and honored to come back home and play with my band," she said. "I can't wait for them to experience the awesomeness of the (Chickasaw) people, the theatre and the beautiful heritage that I come from. I am so excited about this amazing opportunity."

During her star-studded career, Ms. Fair has performed with some of the world's best known singers, including Sting, Lady Gaga, Beyonce and Amy Grant.

She grew up in Oklahoma, the daughter of a preacher and a mother who ministered through music. Ms. Fair grew up singing in her father's church and was heavily influenced by her gospel roots.

Ms. Fair's roots also run deep in the state and the Chickasaw Nation.

She was part of the 2013 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival in a very special way. She recorded a song marking the occasion and was featured in the video which premiered at the

TABITHA FAIR

2013 Annual Meeting.

The theme of the song connected to the theme of the annual event – "Coming Home."

"When I come back to Oklahoma, it is like coming home," she said. "It's like breathing fresh air. It smells so good here."

Ms. Fair's career journey began at age 11 when she made records with her family. By 15, she made her way to Nashville, where she signed with a record label and recorded her first gospel record. A nationwide tour and a Tulsa television show quickly followed. She continued to explore her gospel roots both as a writer and performer, co-founding Avalon, the best-selling contemporary Christian group of all time.

Ms. Fair moved to New York to focus on her solo career and in 1998 received the Songwriters Hall of Fame Abe Ohlman Award, which recognizes writers of great promise. She was also recognized as a songwriter to watch, and was featured by BMI alongside Norah Jones in the company's "Artist on the Rise Series."

Critics have lauded her performance and voice.

"If you took the best attributes of Whitney Houston, Chrissie Hynde and Annie Lennox, poured them into a bottle and stirred, you would pour out a sensuous cocktail that could only be called Tabitha Fair," David Hurst of Show Business Weekly wrote.

During her career, Ms. Fair has also been featured in concert duets with musical greats Sting, Travis Tritt, Michael McDonald and Sam Moore (of Sam and Dave). She has also performed at several high-profile venues including the Kennedy Center Honors and the Clinton and Obama Inaugurations, in Washington, D.C. Ms. Fair is a regular on the Jimmy Fallon Show, singing background vocals for The Roots. She has also had the opportunity to perform with John Legend, Joss Stone, Snoop Dog, Charlie Wilson and Philipp Phillips.

For information about tickets to the Tabitha Fair concert, contact the McSwain office at (580) 332-8108 or at http://www.mcswain-theatre.com.

Follow theatre updates on Facebook at Facebook.com/McSwain-Theatre or on Twitter at Twitter.com/McSwainTheatre.

The McSwain Theatre, owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation, is located at 130 W. Main in Ada.

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Chickasaw woman advocates for children

Chickasaw citizen Laveta Dryden accepts her certificate of completion for the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA) training from Oklahoma County Juvenile Court judges at the Nov. 5 CASA swearing in ceremony in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Each year, thousands of Oklahoma children are removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect. The process of going through the child welfare system can be scary, and no child should do it alone.

The Oklahoma Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association works hand-in-hand with community volunteers to make sure each child in need has an advocate before the courts. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over a child or group of siblings, to speak up for abused and neglected children, and to assist them through the processes of the social service and foster care system.

Laveta Dryden of Oklahoma City was recently sworn in by Oklahoma County Juvenile Court judges as an official trained CASA volunteer.

Ms. Dryden, a Chickasaw citizen, grew up in McAlester, Okla. She is the daughter of Etham Lee (E.L.) Durant, granddaughter of Jacob Durant, original enrollee, great-great-granddaughter of Ashome and Jinsey Durant, and great-great-great-granddaughter of AN-NO-KUS-NA and KO-NA-HO-YE; both Chickasaws.

Along with being an official CASA volunteer for Oklahoma City, she volunteers her time as a member of one of the 16 Oklahoma County Post Adjudication Review Boards (PARB). The PARB, developed in the 1980s, is a program associated with the Indian Child Welfare Act that provides assistance to Native American foster care children.

Ms. Dryden has devoted her time and effort to bring awareness of the need for more foster care homes and the plight of many children who are currently in the foster care system. As a child grows up, Ms. Dryden said, he or she faces many obstacles even in the best of circumstances.

"When you add the trauma of being a foster care child, it magnifies the difficulties of adjusting from childhood to becoming an adult," Ms. Dryden said. "To make a difference in a child's life for the better is one of the greatest rewards you can have."

For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, visit www.oklahomacasa.org.

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'Christmas Story and Story of the Candy Cane'

Randy Wade, Chickasaw citizen and Chaplain Coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health, reads a Christmas story to children attending the "Christmas Story and Story of the Candy Cane" event at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center on Dec. 16.

Gov. Anoatubby, fellow governors unite to support OKIE

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, recently joined with four former Oklahoma governors during a benefit dinner for the Oklahoma-Israel Exchange (OKIE). OKIE is a program that has been supported by Oklahoma chief executives, and the Chickasaw chief executive, for 23 years. The program promotes the trading relationship among Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and the nation of Israel. At left are former Oklahoma governors Brad Henry and George Nigh. At right are former Oklahoma governors David Walters and Frank Keating.

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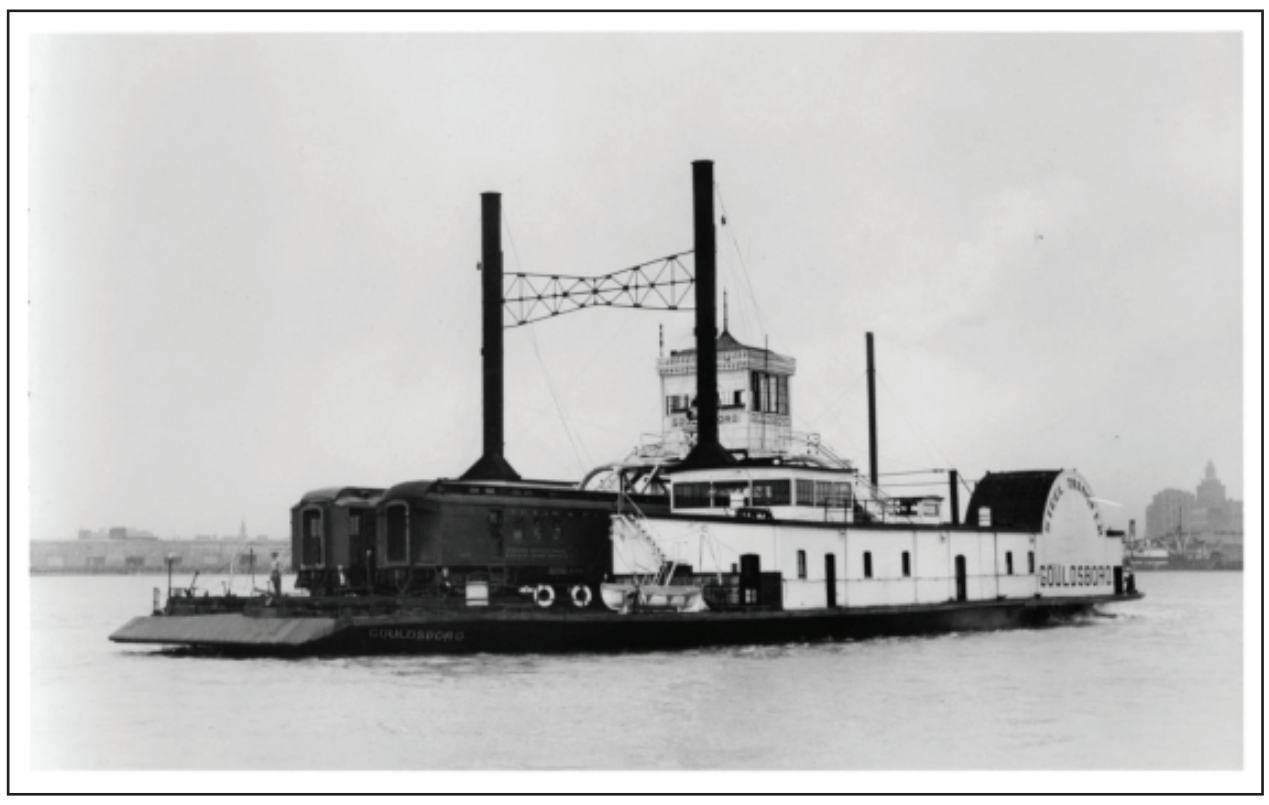
Ironclad won skirmish at Battle of Mobile Bay, later refitted and served as riverboat

USS Chickasaw victorious in battle, served long life after



The USS Chickasaw was renamed the Gouldsboro and refitted for civilian use after her illustrious career during the War Between the States.

The first of three U.S. naval ships named for the Chickasaws was commissioned 150 years ago. The USS Chickasaw, a Milwaukee-class ironclad vessel commissioned in 1864, was a state-of-the-art warship and one of the most powerful vessels to patrol the Mississippi River during the War Between the States. It served with a distinguished record.

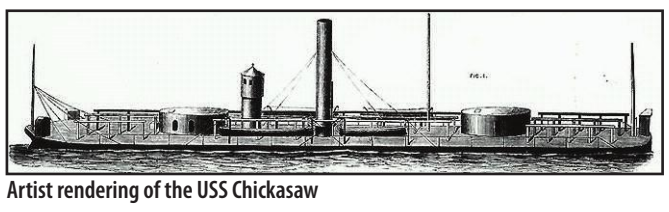
One of the first warships to be outfitted with iron, this twin-turret, 1,300-ton, steam-powered battleship was built by engineering genius James Buchanan Eads on the Mississippi River in Carondelet, Missouri.

The crew of the USS Chickasaw totaled 138 men, including officers and enlisted personnel. The ship was armed with a total for four smooth-bore 11-inch cannon. The cannon were located in the two rotating turrets atop the ship.

"The ironclads were the culmination of technological advances of the mid-19th century," Dr. Anna Holloway of the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia said. "James Buchanan Eads constructed some of the best ships using cutting edge technology for the time."

The USS Chickasaw patrolled the Mississippi River, part of the traditional homelands of the Chickasaw people, until it was assigned to a squadron of warships that disrupted trade routes in the southern states.

The ironclad participated in the Battle of Mobile Bay. Its crew distinguished itself and the USS Chickasaw was one of the few ships not hampered with mechanical difficulties or tragedy during the engagement. Using superior seamanship, the vessel is credited with the defeat and capture of the Confederate vessel, the CSS Tennessee.


Artist rendering of the USS Chickasaw

"Mobile Bay was the second largest port in the South," Charles Torrey, research historian of the Mobile History Museum said. "At the time of the battle, it was the largest port the Confederacy had open and was a resting area for troops."

The USS Chickasaw remained in the Mobile Bay area for the rest of its military career. It bombarded Confederate forts immediately after the battle, and later participated in the efforts to take the city of Mobile, Alabama.

In July 1865, the USS Chickasaw was officially decommissioned by the United States Navy. Sold to civilian owners in 1874, its name changed to the Gouldsboro. It was converted for civilian use and given the iconic side-wheel propulsion system of Mississippi riverboats.

The USS Chickasaw, renamed the Gouldsboro, was broken up by its owners in 1944 after an illustrious naval and civilian career. What was left of the ship was rediscovered among 19 other shipwrecks in the murky depths of the Mississippi River by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 2004. Efforts have been made to preserve it in its final resting place.

As the Chickasaw people are known to have never lost a battle, the USS Chickasaw truly lived up to its namesake, the unconquered and unconquerable people of the Chickasaw Nation.

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Stephen Palmer, right, with, from left, his son Rowdy, daughter Reanna and nephew Dillion Palmer.

Chickasaw construction chief pleased to be part of Artesian Hotel project

SULPHUR, Okla. - When Chickasaw citizen Stephen Palmer, a project superintendent with Timberlake Construction, Inc., learned his company had won the bid to build the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, he jumped at the chance to be a part of the project.

"I'm Chickasaw," he said. "Let me build that."

In his 15 years in construction, Mr. Palmer said the project he was most proud of was the new Artesian Hotel for his tribe. From start to finish, Mr. Palmer would spend nearly three years working on the hotel.

Construction on a project the size of the Artesian turned out to be a major undertaking. As project superintendent, Mr. Palmer served as head of construction in the field and managed nearly 140 people on the job site.

His crew spent six months preparing the site for the build. The rock underneath the site turned out to be much harder than anticipated. Approximately 15,000 cubic yards of rock and dirt were removed from the site in order to ready the grounds for construction.

Once the ground was cleared, construction on the building went fairly quickly. According to Mr. Palmer, more than 10,000 yards of concrete were used in the formation of the hotel.

His favorite phase of construction was the finishing process of the hotel's interiors.

Mr. Palmer said there were literally miles of natural wood installed throughout the hotel. The highest grades of marble, granite and other building materials were shipped in and used for the interior walls and floors. The overall effect of the interior finishes reflects the hotel's past with an eye to the future.

"In my opinion, it has to be the nicest hotel in all of Oklahoma, by far," Mr. Palmer said.

Mr. Palmer worked closely with Chickasaw Nation staff during construction. He said he came away impressed with the professionalism and expertise the tribe provided him and his crew.

"I've worked throughout Oklahoma and I've never been through such stringent inspections," Mr. Palmer said. "But, I look back now and I realize the tribe wants that building to be there forever. We had a plan and we worked through it. Everything worked out great."

As a citizen, Mr. Palmer said he was proud the Chickasaw Nation has become a major employer in the area and had made a positive economic impact in communities across the state.

"It's amazing to me how much work they have created. It's been good for everybody," he said.

Mr. Palmer has not had a chance to visit the hotel since its grand opening in the fall, but plans to bring his family to stay and experience the new hotel and spa after the new year.

Mr. Palmer was born in Ada and graduated from Konawa (OK) High School. He and his wife have a son, Rowdy and a daughter, Reanna.

For more information about the Artesian Hotel, visit www.artesianhotel.com.

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Indian cowboys, cowgirls invited to be part of All-Indian Rodeo season

MIAMI, Okla. - The Arrington McSpadden All Indian Rodeo Association (AMAIRA), Region 8 of the Indian National Finals Rodeo Association (INFR) is gearing up for the 2014 season. The first rodeo is set for Jan. 25 in Miami at the NEO campus indoor arena.

Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m., there will be an open timed event for any cowboy or cowgirl to sharpen his or her skills for the Indian Rodeo Slack at 9 a.m., Saturday. Performance will be at 7 p.m., Saturday. A minimum of $500 in each event will be added. All Native American cowboys and cowgirls are invited to join the INFR at INFR.org. You must have card or permit to enter, and card must be purchased prior to call in. Call in for the rodeo from 5 to 8 p.m., on Sunday Jan. 19, at (918) 456-8507.

Rodeo events include Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping. Junior events for the 15-and-under boys and girls are Breakaway Roping (boys and girls), Girls' Barrels, Junior Bull Riding, and Team Roping. Senior events for the over-50 age group are Breakaway Roping and Team Roping.

Region 8 Year End Winner in all INFR-sanctioned events and the Finals Average Winner in the INFR sanctioned timed events from our Region qualify the cowboys and cowgirls for the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in November 2014.

Plans are to have three tour rodeos in our region this year, the maximum allowed by the INFR rules. The Creek Nation is confirmed on its tour rodeo the last weekend of June 2014. Negotiations are under way with the Comanche, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation, Sac and Fox and the Choctaw Nation.

Other Region Rodeos are being scheduled at this time, for more added money and an increased prize line.

Call (918) 931-8784 or (918) 232-0554 for more information. On the internet, go to Amairregion8.com or facebook at Arrington Mcspadden All Indian Rodeo Association, or email region8rodeo@yahoo.com.

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and the Lives You Have Positively Affected

Thelma "Chincie" Ross holds a plaque presented to her at the official dedication of a meeting room named in her honor during a ceremony at Tuttle City Hall on Dec. 14. Applauding her for contributions to the community are, far left, Tuttle Vice Mayor Mary Smith and Tuttle Mayor Bobby Williams.

TUTTLE, Okla. – A bit of good-natured teasing , a few amusing stories and even a tear or two occurred as a 96-year-old Chickasaw woman was honored by citizens and elected officials here Dec. 14.

The Thelma "Chincie" Ross Meeting Room was formally dedicated at Tuttle's new city hall, constructed a little more than a year ago. With winter making its presence known outside, it was a warm and cheery atmosphere inside as Mrs. Ross greeted each visitor with a kiss, smile or gentle embrace. It was her day to be honored for more than 60 years of enriching the lives of so many others.

"We didn't even try to put together all of what Chincie has done in her life because there would be too much left out," Tuttle Mayor Bobby Williams said. "We could stand up here and read (her accomplishments) for an hour and we would leave out important contributions because she has done so much and touched so many people's hearts. Tuttle is blessed to have her.

"This woman has dedicated her life to people, dedicated her life to God and dedicated her life to our community and to other communities," the mayor observed before reading the official proclamation for the occasion.

"On December 14, 2013, we dedicate the Thelma 'Chincie' Ross Meeting Room to honor a friend, mentor and caretaker of the City of Tuttle and its residents. Time will never erase the work you have accomplished and the lives you have positively affected." With that, Mayor Williams turned to Mrs. Ross and simply said, "We love you, Chincie."

Born September 9, 1917, near this southwestern Oklahoma City suburb, she was given the nickname "Chincie" by her father, Turner Cochran. It is an Indian word for "beautiful flower."

Athletic and scholarly, Chincie Cochran earned a scholarship to attend Edmond's Central State University, now the University of Central Oklahoma. But an injury suffered on the basketball court – an injury doctors initially predicted would heal nicely – plagued her. Her athletic scholarship was withdrawn due to a lengthy convalescence. She attended Kansas' Haskell Institute, her mother Susan's alma mater. She studied business.

Upon graduation, she found the world preparing to fight a great war in Europe and South Pacific. The young Miss Cochran departed from Concho, Okla., where she was working with the Cheyenne-Arapaho, and traveled to Window Rock, Ariz., to work with the Navajo.

She helped process young Navajo tribesmen who would serve as famed Code Talkers during World War II. Code Talkers stymied enemy code-breakers by communicating in their native language.

Working with Code Talkers left an indelible mark on her life.

"They're (Code Talkers) all gone now," Mrs. Ross lamented. "They were such brave men and so dedicated to serving their country."

Her assignment changed when the Code Talkers were shipped to California for training and then shipped out for combat. She was stationed in Arizona at internment camps built to confine Americans of Japanese descent or Japanese immigrants – an action for which the U.S. government formally apologized in 1988.

In Arizona, she met Richard "Dick" Ross. They married in 1947. When he was honorably discharged, they spent a short time in Ohio before relocating to Tuttle. He, too, made huge contributions to Tuttle and is remembered fondly. Mr. Ross died in 2005.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross were honored by the Tuttle Chamber of Commerce as "Citizens of the Year," were active members of the Tuttle Christian Church, and worked tirelessly on a multitude of projects benefiting the small community they called home.

"Mrs. Ross has always been a vital member of this community," Tuttle Vice Mayor Mary Smith said. "She has worked hard as the town's first librarian, has tended to Silver City Cemetery for decades, was a voter registrar and contributed on many other city projects. She has served as our town historian, too. She keeps track of everything and everybody and has a clipping for it or a picture. She has always been special to Tuttle."

Vice Mayor Smith said Mrs. Ross enriched the lives of Tuttle citizens.

"She knows everybody and everybody knows her. She has a wonderful sense of humor and a wonderful sense of community. She has made us a better community because she has been here."

Mrs. Ross, moved to tears by the honor, brought laughter to the audience when she said "I had not intended to be like this 'cause, when I cry, I don't look good!

"It certainly has been an honor and I'm so thrilled to know that everybody has turned out to do something for me. You have no idea how much I appreciate it, Mrs. Ross said.

"I had a smart ol' daddy. He said 'never get up in the morning without thanking the Great Spirit for the graciousness and the beautiful day it's going to be. Give everyone your blessing because everyone needs a blessing even if it's just a smile. Look at people and smile; it doesn't cost a cent. You'd be surprised at the people whose only blessing that day will be your smile.'

"Whatever you do, just be nice to people and hand it on to someone else because someone has got to be a leader," Mrs. Ross told the crowd of approximately 40 who attended her special day. "Always thank the Great Spirit for what all He has given you."

A portrait of Mrs. Ross, painted by renowned Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen, will adorn the room. So will the official proclamation honoring her.

"I'm so proud to be Chickasaw," Mrs. Ross said several times during the ceremony.

"To the delight of Mrs. Ross, her room off the city council chambers was filled with bicycles, stuffed animals, toys and Christmas gifts Santa will leave at the homes of the less fortunate in Tuttle and surrounding area.

"It (the room) is kind of a mess right now," Vice Mayor Smith said while showing guests where the portrait and proclamation will be placed. "And, Chincie would love this mess."

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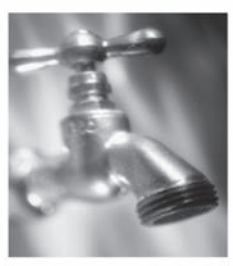
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Progress on fundamentals has propelled tribe to success

For the Chickasaw Nation, it really is the best of times.

It was October 2013 at the Annual Reunion and Festival when Governor Bill Anoatubby announced "the state of the Chickasaw Nation is great and getting better every day." An overflow crowd in attendance for the speech broke into a huge round of applause.

Perhaps it is because it hasn't always been "great" for the Chickasaw Nation. Yet Chickasaws pressed on in difficult times, adapted, continued dreaming of tribal sovereignty and worked hard to make it a reality.

In recorded history, Chickasaw warriors have never lost a fight. It is one of the reasons Gov. Anoatubby reminds whomever he is speaking to – formally and informally – he leads a tribe that is "unconquered and unconquerable."

While Chickasaw resiliency is well known - be it removal from the tribal homelands of Mississippi to Indian Territory in 1837; its break with the Choctaw Nation in 1855; its first popular election of a governor in 1971; tribal sovereignty in 1975; adopting a new constitution in 1983 – the emergence of the tribe as an increasingly important economic, business, health and tourism force has occurred within a generation.

Just how important was illustrated perfectly by Gov. Anoatubby during his State of the Nation address. He noted Chickasaw Nation assets have grown to nearly 200 times their 1988 level and the tribally funded budget has grown from $200,000 to more than $200 million over the same time period.

He went on to list numerous examples of exponential growth which placed the recent success of the Chickasaw Nation into historical context.

"When you look at the overall changes that have taken place, we find ourselves in very good shape financially, and that status allows us to do more," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It allows us to fund more programs, operate at a higher level and make a greater difference for our people."

History of Success

Gov. Anoatubby made a strong case that the recent success was consistent with the perseverance displayed by the Chickasaw people throughout history.

"In the long history of the Chickasaw Nation, our people have been focused, resilient and determined," he said. "Even after European explorers disrupted our way of life, our tribe persevered and adapted to the changing times.

"Even after we were uprooted from our homelands in Mississippi, we re-established our Nation and set about making a life in a new territory. Even when the territory we occupied and owned was broken up into allotments … we held on to our hope that one day we would again be self-governing and self-determined."

That hope was realized with newly established Chickasaw Constitution in 1983.

"We were in a new age for the Chickasaw Nation - a time of self-determination, self-governance - a time to correct decades of paternalism and do for ourselves," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This was a time of change - a time to embrace our freedom, but, more importantly, take responsibility for our future."

Government officials began to set priorities and develop a plan to offer opportunities for education, health care, housing and employment.

"Our tribal government needed to be placed on a firm financial base. Our people needed to be unified. All of these goals, along with others, would shape the direction of the Chickasaw Nation for decades."

In 1987, the Chickasaw Nation operated 33 programs with 99 percent of the funding coming from the federal government. The budget for federal programs was just over $7 million.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation offers 68 federally-funded programs and 216 tribally-funded programs offering services from education, health care and nutrition to housing and family services.

"Services are our highest priority and the budgets from federal sources and tribal sources are now $170 million and $202 million respectively," he said.

Health

In 1987, the Indian Health Service operated Carl Albert Indian Health facility in Ada, along with two health clinics, one in Tishomingo and one in Ardmore.

Today, the tribe compacts with the federal government to operate the entire health system which includes six health facilities.

The 370,000 square-foot Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, which replaced the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, is the centerpiece of the system. Opened in 2010, the $150 million medical center was constructed with tribal funds under the Indian Health System Joint Venture Construction Program.

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November 2013 Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement

Outstanding Overall Achievement

Harlee Griffis

Harlee Griffis, Sulphur, Okla., daughter of Misty and Mark McDonough, and Scott and Tiffany Griffis is a November 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement Award.

Harlee Griffis

Harlee is a twelfth grader at Sulphur High School and was nominated by Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Coordinator, Andrea Haigood

"Harlee works hard on and off the softball field. She constantly strives to be the best, both in sports and with her education," Ms. Haigood said. "She is a wonderful leader and will be missed when she graduates in the spring."

Harlee has been playing softball since she was three-year-old, and has been recognized with several athletic honors including 2012 Defensive Player of the Year and 2013 Lake County Conference MVP. She is a 2013 all-stater, two-time All-Ardmoreite Super Team member and two-time All-Conference.

A star on the field, Harlee also excels in the classroom. She is on the Chickasaw Honor Roll, the Principal's Honor Roll and is a member of the National Honor Society and Youth Leadership Murray County.

Harlee also enjoys playing basketball and teaching little girls the "art of slap hitting."

She is a member of Crossway Baptist Church and would like to play softball and study physical therapy at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Tvli Birdshead

Tvli Birdshead, 12, son of Taloa and Amick Birdshead, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Tvli Birdshead

Tvli is in the seventh grade at Latta School and was nominated by his teacher, Jim Foster.

"Tvli is a good student," Mr. Foster said. "He is always respectful and works hard each and every day. Tvli deserves this honor."

Tvli enjoys basketball, baseball, soccer and art. His other hobbies include playing video games, playing with friends, drawing and painting.

In the future, Tvli would like to attend the University of Oklahoma and later become a dentist or to play soccer professionally," Tvli said.

Tvli attends Grace Christian Fellowship Church in Coalgate, Okla.

Danleigh Harris

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Danleigh Harris, 9, daughter of Daniel and Carla Harris of Ada, Okla., is a November 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

A third grader at Latta Elementary, Danleigh was nominated by teacher, Laura O'Donnell.

Ms. O'Donnell described Danleigh as one of her smartest, hard-working and responsible students.

"Her behavior is awesome," Ms. O'Donnell said. "She always comes to class ready to learn with a positive attitude. She is a true joy to teach!"

Danleigh enjoys hunting and fishing with her dad, and camping with her family during the summer. She also enjoys softball, basketball and painting.

When asked about her future plans, Danleigh said, "I want to be a nurse and a professional hunter."

Danleigh likes burritos and her favorite color is black.

Kailey C. Rider

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Kailey C. Rider, 17, daughter of Sharon and Tracy Rider, is a November recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Kailey is a junior at Newcastle (OK) High School and was nominated by her teacher, Jake Phillips.

Kailey is an outstanding student," Mr. Phillips said. "She excels not only in the classroom, but in everything she is involved with."

A state champion varsity cheerleader, Kailey also manages the boys' high school basketball and baseball teams. She is a member of the student council and the National Honor Society.

Looking to the future, Kailey said after graduation she would like to attend college and pursue a degree in radiology.

She attends Southpointe Church.

Outstanding Achievement in Athletics

Casandra (Casey) L. Rider

Cassandra (Casey) L. Rider, 18, daughter of Sharon and Tracy Rider, is a November recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Athletics Award.

Casey L. Rider

Casey is a senior at Newcastle (OK) High School and was nominated by her English AP IV teacher, Laurie Ward.

"Casey should be chosen for this award due to her leadership qualities in the classroom and also in athletics," Ms. Ward said.

"As a cheer captain, many students on and off the cheer squad, recognize Casey as a leader," Ms. Ward continued. "They look up to her as an example of how to act and react toward others. She fulfills these expectations gracefully, by demanding nothing less than the best from her peers.

As a varsity cheer captain, Casey helped lead her team to become this year's Small Co-Ed Division State Cheerleading Champions. She was also named 2013 Homecoming Queen.

Casey works hard in the classroom too. She is ranked 19th in a class of roughly 150 students and has a 3.67 grade point average. Casey has taken pre-AP calculus and AP English IV, is a member of the math club and enrolled in concurrent classes at Oklahoma City Community College.

"I understand being an upperclassman I have younger students looking up to me," Casey said. "I always try my best to do the right thing and to be a positive influence."

"I live my life through faith. I'm always open to help people."

Outstanding Citizenship

Jared Manning

Jared Manning, 15, son of Mike and Donna Manning, is a November 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Jared Manning

Jared is in the ninth grade at Latta School in Ada, Okla., and was nominated by his teacher, Nathan Dial.

Described by Mr. Dial as friendly, courteous and joyful, Jared is a hard-worker.

"In my eight years of teaching, I have never had a student that will quietly walk in the door, get to work and never look up until the bell rings as well as Jared," Mr. Dial said.

Jared enjoys basketball and hopes to become a park ranger one day.

"One of my dreams is to become a park ranger," Jared said. "The reason is that it is a job where you get to spend all your time out in the woods and you're dealing with animals."

As the son of a former police officer, Jared would also consider a career with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

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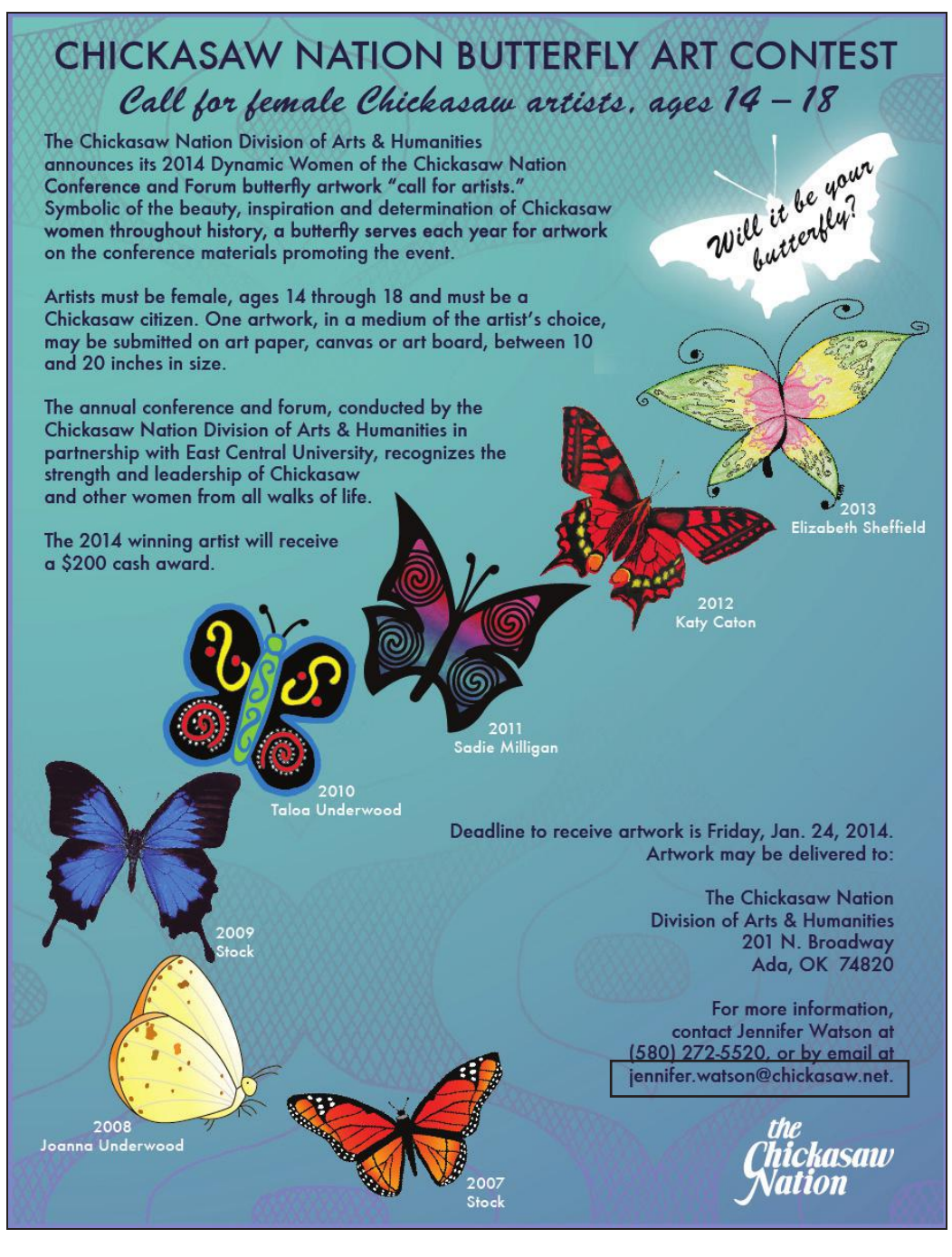
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A 53,000 square-foot health clinic was opened in Tishomingo in 2013. That follows the opening of a 66,000 square-foot health clinic in Ardmore in 2012. Both were constructed under the joint venture program.

The health clinic in Tishomingo has increased the number of employees from 26 to 82 and now offers numerous additional services.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health includes six health facilities which provided more than 514,000 patient visits and filled more than 1.2 million prescriptions in FY 2013. That equals an average of 1,400 patient visits each day and more than 3,200 prescriptions each day.

In July, the Chikasha House was opened on the campus of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. The Chikasha House was designed to offer convenient housing to family members of patients who are far from home while relieving them of the costs associated with travel and lodging.

"We believe the Chikasha House can help bring peace of mind to patients and their loved ones facing this difficult situation," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Education

There has also been significant growth in education programs, which have long been a high priority.

Thirty years ago, higher education funding was about $200,000 and provided scholarships to 157 students. This year, more than 4,000 students received scholarships.

A total of $15.6 million in scholarships, grants and other support for educational needs have been provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

In 1988, the Chickasaw Nation employed about 260 people and operated four businesses.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation employs about 13,000 people in various entities, including tribal government and more than 100 tribal businesses.

Tourism

The Chickasaw Nation is making a significant impact on tourism in Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center, which opened in 2010, recently surpassed 200,000 visitors from around the world. This year alone, the Chickasaw Nation also opened the Bedré Fine Chocolate Factory, Welcome Center, Artesian Hotel, Chickasaw Travel Stop, Chickasaw Conference and Retreat Center and Salt Creek casino.

Those businesses employ hundreds of local residents and attract numerous visitors to the area.

"We are experiencing a true renaissance in almost all aspects of our tribe. We have made it back and the people around us are feeling the effects," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Whether it be the effects of an individual citizen's contribution or the tribe's contribution as a whole, we are affecting education, government, the economy, health care, social welfare and, in general, society around us. And these effects are positive, making our contribution one of great value to those around us. That is a dramatic change from 30 years ago."

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'It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play'

Kurt A. Edwards (as George Bailey) and Jessica Dzierzewski (as Mary) perform a scene from "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." The show ran last month at the McSwain Theatre in Ada.

Chickasaw Foundation announces Green scholarship

Jess Green

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the *Jess Green Memorial Law Scholarship*. This scholarship was established in memory of Jess Green by the Mary Jo Green family and will be awarded for the fall 2014 academic year.

This scholarship will be for a full-time Chickasaw junior or senior student pursuing a degree in law, pre-law, legal studies, paralegal or any major associated with law.

Mary Jo Green established the *Jess Green Memorial Law Scholarship* in memory of her son, Jess Green. When asked why she did this she replied, "I wanted to help people remember what my son obtained in life. He was a country boy who earned his degree by putting himself through school by working. He became a successful lawyer who won two Supreme Court cases."

Mary Jo Green

If you are interested in our scholarship program, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit our website at www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship openings

The Chickasaw Foundation announces the opening of two scholarships for spring 2014. All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline of January 11, 2014 to be considered for funding. The following scholarships are available.

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Chickasaw Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament

The 6th annual Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament will be April 25-26, 2014 at the Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex in Ada. This will be a double-elimination tournament and only the first ten teams will be accepted. The entry fee is $100 and the age cut-off date is January 1. Players must be 6 years old on or before December 31 to play.

Jenny Trett appointed to Chickasaw Foundation board

Jenny Trett

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce Mrs. Jenny Trett as the newest board member. She is the Executive Officer, Chickasaw Nation Organizational Planning and Support, and is our newest board member. Mrs. Trett oversees planning and organizational change for the Chickasaw Nation. Activities include coordinating and monitoring strategic planning; grant writing; and evaluating programs and organizational change for efficiency and effectiveness of operation.

She began her career with the Chickasaw Nation in 1997 as tribal accountant. Since that time she has held various positions within the division of treasury including the administrator for the division for seven years. In 2012 she accepted the position of executive officer for the newly created division of organizational planning and support. Prior to her employment with the Chickasaw Nation, Mrs. Trett was employed by Samson Resources Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Trett graduated from East Central University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. In 2009 she completed a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma State University.

She is a Certified Public Accountant with memberships in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Purchasing Society. Additionally she is a member of Leadership Oklahoma (class 22), Leadership Murray County and has served on the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club executive board. Currently she holds a seat on the Sulphur school board and is a trustee on the board of the People's Electric Cooperative.

Yale graduate named recipient of scholarship to study Chickasaw culture and history

Elizabeth Rule

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce Ms. Elizabeth Rule as the recipient of the 2014: Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship.

She is a graduate student attending Brown University and graduated from Yale University in May 2013 with a B.A. in Native American Studies.

She lives in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania and her proposal will be centered on "The Chickasaw Press: A History."

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Please contact our office at (580) 421-9030 if you have any questions.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

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OKLAHOMA

ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Southern California Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA
Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576
npm@gvtc.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas
Sandra Williams, 817-688-6566
sandyntx@sbcglobal.net

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Indian Trust Settlement seeks Indians who may benefit

Part of the recent Indian Trust Settlement by the U.S. Congress is the Trust's Tribal Outreach Project.

This project seeks to locate Indian citizens or their descendents who can benefit from the settlement.

Below is a list of Chickasaw citizens, both living and deceased, who may benefit from the settlement. If your name is on the list, or if you recognize the name of one of your ancestors, you should contact the Tribal Outreach Project.

You can read further information at the settlement's website, www.indiantrust.com. You can send an email to the settlement at info@indiantrust.com

To talk with someone at the settlement, call 1-(800) 961-6109. You can write to the settlement at: Indian Trust Settlement, 1531 Utah Avenue S, Suite 600, Seattle, WA 98134.

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Wanda Lee Shoemaker Clark

Wanda Lee Shoemaker Clark died Dec. 5, 2013. She was born December 26, 1931 at Tulsa, to James Lee ("Jimmy") and Beatrice Shoemaker.

She was a very proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Her great-great grandfather was Cyrus Harris, the first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. She grew up in Tulsa, and had many tales of her adventures on the streetcar to downtown Tulsa, where she and her friends worked, ate Cherry Mashes, and watched the latest movies.

She had four children whom she loved very much.

Mrs. Clark was a faithful mother and grandmother. Being a mother was her proudest accomplishment, and was what she believed she was called to do. Her loving hands changed many diapers, gave countless hugs, prepared many meals and played numerous games with her children.

She was a woman of strong personal faith. It was her faith in the Lord that carried her through many childhood and adult illnesses and heartaches. That same faith has now led her home where she is finally reunited with her dearly loved and greatly missed son and so many others. Her presence, witty humor, strong determination, sweet spirit and easy laughter will be greatly missed, but her family is rejoicing that she is healed and dancing once again.

In her final days, God allowed us the incredible privilege of watching our precious mama raise her hands toward heaven and converse with God, her mama and others there. We watched her as she straddled this world and the next—the one seen and unseen. In the unseen world, eternal life became more real to her. It reminded us of where our truest treasures lie. *"For now, we see dimly, but then we will see clearly face to face."* Our mother was clearly seeing into that incredible world, and we shall too one day. What an amazing day that will be!

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Sandra Robinson Billingsley; and her much loved son, Steven Alan Clark.

She is survived by a son, Robert Gary Clark, of Tulsa; two daughters, Linda Lee Pulver, of Tulsa, and Laura Clark Fey, of Mission Hills, Kan.; six grandchildren, Christopher Wesley Clark, Chelsea Lee Pulver, Christen P. Ober, Chloe Elizabeth Pulver, Emily Elizabeth Fey and Andrew Montgomery Fey. She loved her grandchildren very much, and frequently expressed that she thought all of them were absolutely beautiful.

The family wishes to express our love and gratitude for the loving and compassionate care our mother received at both Shawnee Mission Hospital and at the Kansas City Hospice House. The doctors, nurses, care partners, chaplains, food service providers, custodians and volunteers were incredibly kind and wonderful to our mama and to all of us. We will forever be grateful to them for the incredible work they do. They tended to our mother's every need as she walked through her final earthly journey. They enabled her to have dignity and peace as she was passing from this world to the next. They also fed, nurtured, and encouraged us. What a blessing to be surrounded by such loving kindness during the last days of our mother's life.

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and your gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. Then these righteous ones will reply. "Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it for me." Matthew 25:35-40.

Benjamin Edgar "Ed" Davis

Benjamin Edgar "ED" Davis, 88, of Skiatook, Okla., died January 18, 2013 at the Claremore Veterans Center in Claremore, Okla. Services were January 21, 2013 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Kelly Chronister, officiating. Interment followed in the Osage Gardens Cemetery with full Military Honors by the 5th District Rifle Squad.

He was born March 16, 1924 at Ralston, Okla., to James Russell and Jennie Edith Dorothy Victoria (Terry) Davis. He grew up and received his education in Hominy, Okla., graduating from high school in 1942.

Mr. Davis entered the U. S. Army April 28, 1944 and received his honorable discharge April 13, 1946. He married Mary Louise Burkhart October 7, 1945 at Hominy and moved to Skiatook where they made their home.

He was employed with Dow in the early 1950's and retired in 1982 where he was a chemical engineer. He liked hanging out at the donut shop, Wal-Mart and working outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; two sisters; and three brothers.

He is survived by three children, Vicki Farr and husband, Marshall, of Catoosa, Okla., Ross Davis and wife, Linda, of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Blake Davis and wife, Jodi, of Skiatook; six grandchildren, Traci Farr, Brandon Davis, Matt Davis, Blake Davis, Ashley Massey and Chance Davis; six great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Casket escorts were Brandon Davis, Matt Davis, Blake Davis, Chance Davis, Brady Morgan and Jeff Medlock.

Jimmie Earle Keel

Jimmie Earle Keel, 84, died Dec. 6, 2013 at the Norman Veterans Center, in Norman, Okla.

He was born December 12, 1928, to Bessie and Dink Keel, of Stratford, Okla.

He was one of 10 Chickasaw Indian children who grew up on the 160 acres of Indian land following his ancestors' forced exodus on the Trail of Tears into Indian Territory. He was always very close to his brothers and sisters. Standing 6'3", he had a strong presence, and his sisters would sometimes refer to him as their "protector."

He attended Chilocco Indian School in northern Oklahoma, near Ponca City. He was active with the student council, the boxing team, football team, and was a three-year letterman. While at Chilocco, he excelled at boxing. As an amateur boxer, he had a total of 143 amateur fights, winning 130.

His achievements included: Oklahoma Northeastern Golden Glove Champion in 1946, Oklahoma State AAU Champion from 1947 to 1949, National AAU Finalist from 1947 to 1948, and Oklahoma State Golden Glove Champion in 1948. He turned professional in 1950, winning 67 fights and losing 14. At one time, he was among the top-rated light heavyweight contenders. He was a close personal friend of Joe Louis, "The Brown Bomber." One of Lou's earliest memories of his dad boxing was meeting his Coach, "Shifty" Dando in Houston. Lou has always believed that the character played by Burgess Meredith in "Rocky" had to have been modeled after Shifty Dando! When he hung up the gloves, he stepped back in the ring as a referee. He became the "Third Man" in the ring and refereed or judged bouts with some of boxing's most notable champions including Muhammed Ali, Sonny Liston and George Foreman.

A historical landmark in his career was when he became the first American Indian to referee a world title fight. Professional boxing in Oklahoma had first debuted in 1909, however, it wasn't until 62 years later in December 1971 when Oklahoma's next title bout would occur again. Earle Keel was the referee for this World Light Heavyweight Championship at the Oklahoma City State Fair Arena. He spent a total of 36 years in the boxing arena in some capacity as a fighter, judge, trainer, and referee. His achievements were recognized when he was inducted into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

He served in the U. S. Army for two years.

He lived in Houston for 50 years and owned a limousine business with up to 17 limos. He carried many political honchos and a great number of rock bands. He would cherry pick the best clients and drove ZZ Top and Led Zepplin when they were in town. About eight years ago he moved back to Oklahoma City and lived with his dear sister Ruth. Later he moved to the Norman Veteran's Center where they took excellent care of him.

The immediate family would like to personally thank Ruth and the VA Center for showing so much love, support, and compassion during this time when he needed you most. A few months ago Lou brought his dad a small photo album put together by Lou's girlfriend Linda Thompson containing old photos from his years at Chilocco to the V.A. Center. It had photos of the boxing and football teams, and his senior picture and one of his mother Bessie. When he saw the photos, he was immensely cheered up and was easily recalling the names of coaches and teammates from 70 years ago as if it were yesterday! It was clearly one of his best days during the last year of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lewellyn Jay Keel, of Ada, Okla., and Kenneth Keel, of Stratford; and two sisters, Madeline Bemo, of Oklahoma City, and Monzella Golden, of Stratford.

He is survived by a son Lou Keel of Guthrie, Okla.; a daughter, Elizabeth Keel, of Midwest City, Okla.; a granddaughter, Jennifer Reinhardt, of Colorado; two brothers, Leland Keel, of Virginia and Robert Keel, of Oklahoma City; and three sisters, Ann Butler, of Indiana, Ruth Moss, of Oklahoma City, and Betty Lucas, of Colorado.

He was known for his sense of humor and was always comfortable in his own skin, which helped people relax around him. He quoted his father Dink saying, "He who lays around late in bed will always wear a poor man's shoes." However, Lou remembers staying at his dad's house a number of times where they'd both sleep past 10 a.m. and he never saw his dad in cheap shoes!

He is loved by so many friends and family, and we are all rich in spirit for having known him. It is our hope that his legacy lives on with all of you here today.

Faye Hisaw Miller

Faye Hisaw Miller, 71, of Ada, Okla., died November 25, 2013 at an Ada hospital. Services were November 29 at High Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Golden officiating. Burial followed at High Hill Cemetery.

She was born January 5, 1942 to Ben and Ella D. Owens Hisaw at Jesse, Okla.

She attended Jesse and Stonewall (OK) schools.

She married Jimmy Boyd Miller on October 20, 1959. He preceded her in death November 26, 2002.

Mrs. Miller was employed by Mel's Meat Market, Bedré Chocolate and the Chickasaw Nation.

She was a member of High Hill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Teresa Miller; a son, Darrell Miller; and her siblings, Delbert Hisaw and Maxine Walker.

She is survived by a daughter, Marsha Miller, of Ada; two sons, Michael Miller and wife, Mona, of Ada, and Coy Hisaw and wife, Pam, of Jesse; brothers, Bill Underwood and wife, Angel, of Lewisville, Texas, and Joe Hisaw, of Konawa; her sisters, Betty Sue Phillips and husband, Jim, of Konawa, Okla., and Ina Grant and husband, Doug, of Ada; grandchildren, Tasha and Kerry Peters, Derek and Lindsey Hisaw, Mandy and Ryan Jones, Sarah Miller, Gus Miller and Chloe Ella Miller; great-grandchildren, Jakob Hisaw, Ty Jones, Cleeton Hisaw, Jett Harris, and Wyatt Peters.

Bearers were Gary Starns, Eddie Smith, James Miller, Danny James, Dillon James and Larry Smith.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

James W. "JW" Reynolds

James Weldon Reynolds, 85, died Nov. 16, 2013. He was fondly known as "JW". Funeral services were November 19, at Bratcher Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jerry Spradling officiating. Burial followed at Kemp Cemetery, Kemp, Okla.

He was born February 7, 1928 at Kemp, Okla., to Colbert and Zelma (Fleming) Reynolds.

He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He married his bride of 67 years, Lora Faye Blankenship on April 24, 1946 in Sherman, Texas.

Mr. Reynolds was member of the Morton Street Church of Christ, a 32nd degree Freemason, and a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

He enjoyed tending to his cattle, and honky tonkin' around the states seeing some of country music's greatest "stars," just to spin his sweetheart around the dance floor. He loved to travel with his children and grandchildren. He liked taking his RV's on trips but his favorite hobby was trying his luck at craps at The Golden Nugget in Las Vegas.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Reynolds, of Denison, Texas; a son, Jimmy Reynolds, of Sherman; a daughter, Linda Sinor and husband, Sammy, of Denison; grandchildren, Ashley Reynolds Nolan and husband, Jimmy, Jeremy Reynolds, all of Austin, Texas, Shawna Baio and husband, Tony, of Wichita Falls and Tina Rowland and husband, Ronnie, of McKinney, Texas; and three great-grandchildren Taylor Rowland, Ronnie Thorne Rowland, both of McKinney, and Mitchaletti Baio, of Wichita Falls.

Pall bearers were Jeremy Reynolds, Ronnie Thorne Rowland, Mitcheletti Baio, Tony Baio, Jimmy Nolan, Ronnie Rowland, and Kyle Stubbs.

The family finds comfort in knowing that God's truth and love never changes, is never shaken, and will never fail.

Ruby June (McSwain) Scott

Ruby June (McSwain) Scott, 95, of Ada, Okla., died November 9, 2013, at a local nursing home. She was a resident of Baptist Village of Ada for the past three years. She was buried November 13 at Rosedale Cementery in Ada.

She was born July 18, 1918, at Hickory, Okla., to Harry and Maud Todd McSwain. She and her family moved to Ada when she was two years old and she attended Glenwood School, Ada Junior High School and graduated from Latta (Ada) High School in 1936.

She was on the basketball team for Latta and was very proud of her letter in basketball. She graduated from beauty college of Ada in 1938.

She married Woodrow Wilson Scott, son of Thomas Scott and Mary Lou Oliver Scott, on July 25, 1936. They were married 46 years when Mr. Scott died July 18, 1982.

Mrs. Scott worked for TG&Y stores in Oklahoma City for 25 years as their fabric buyer and was also a seamstress.

She was a member of St. Lukes Episcopal Church of Ada, and Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO), since 1996, belonging to Chapter Y of Parker, Colorado and then to Chapters GJ and HA of Ada. She served in the offices of chaplain and guard in her 17 years of membership.

Ms. Scott's Chickasaw father Harry McSwain taught her a strong pride in the Chickasaw Nation. He attended Murray State College and was a cattle rancher, after retiring from the cement plant of Ada from an injury. Her father's mother was Ella Brown, daughter of Esther Wilson Brown (full blood Cherokee) and Houston Brown(full-blood Chickasaw).

Ms. Scott made friends very easily, no matter where she was living. She was quiet, but not shy and she had a way with people. She had a contagious energy. It was a kind of "grab your purse and let's go" outlook on life and she made you want to go with her. It has been said that she never met a person she didn't hug or kiss. She had a strong devotion to her daughter, her grandsons and her family and without questions they supported and honored her presence. She was an incredible friend, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be truly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Maud McSwain; a brother, Harry McSwain; and a sister, Dixie Ruth McSwain Mauldin.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ruth Barnes and her husband, Mike, of Fitzhugh, Okla.; two grandsons, Selby Barnes and Wiley Barnes and his wife, Rachel, of Fitzhugh; and a great-granddaughter, Layla Nicole Barnes, of Fitzhugh; a niece, Nancy June Mire and her family of New Iberia, La.; a nephew, Don Scott by marriage; and two great-nieces by marriage, Clare Smith and Sue Brendle.

Dr. Vergil Don Smith

Dr. Vergil Don Smith, 82, of Marietta, Okla., died December 9, 2013 near his home. Services were December 13 in the Marietta School Auditorium with Rev. Tommy Higle officiating. Interment followed at Lakeview Cemetery, Marietta.

Dr. Smith was born December 10, 1930 at Seminole, Okla., to Vergil Eagon and Nathamay Brown Smith.

A 1948 graduate of Claremore (OK) High School, he then attended Oklahoma A&M. He also graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of Kansas City, Missouri in 1961. As a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Smith practiced one year in Tulsa and then moved to Marietta in 1963. In addition to practicing there for 50 years, he was instrumental in getting a hospital for Marietta. In 1995-1996 Dr. Smith was honored as the O.A.P.A Physician of the Year and in 2001 was recognized as a life member of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

As a veteran of the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a radio repairman.

In 1971 he received his pilot's license and in 1992 his commercial pilot training and commercial license instrument rating. In 2003 Dr. Smith received CE-500 citation jet training. In addition, he was recognized by the FAA as a certified medical examiner.

Dr. Smith and the former Marilyn Howland were married in Oklahoma City on January 15, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Judy Smith on September 27, 2001; and a brother, Tommy Lee Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn of the home; four sons and daughter-in-law, Sam Smith, of Dallas, Richard Smith, of Ardmore, Okla., David and Diane Smith, of Nashville, Tenn. and Luke Smith, of Sikeston, Mo.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Randy Johnson, of Ardmore, Susan and Kenneth Kozak, of Sherman, Texas, Sandra and Tom Robison, of Sikeston and Brooke Chapman, of Marietta; a stepson, Ryan and Kari Fieszel, of Mustang; two stepdaughters, Ginny and Robert Davis and Stephanie and Jake Lippert, all of Oklahoma City; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Gayle Smith, of Kansas City, Kan.; two sisters and brother-in-law, Judy Eagleton, of Claremore and Nancy and Joe Bradshaw, of Roff; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and the family dog, Mister Squire.

Serving as pallbearers were Sam Smith, Richard Smith, David Smith, Luke Smith, Richard Barker and Robin Smith. Honorary bearers was the staff of Mercy Health Love County and Mercy Health Love County Rural Health Clinic and his many patients and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Love County Health Center Foundation, 300 Wanda St., Marietta, OK 73448.

Online guest book can be viewed and signed at wattsfuneralhome.com.

William Don Allison

William Don Allison, 64, of Ada, Okla., died Nov. 23, 2013, at a local hospital.

Services were November 26 at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel. The service was officiated by Rev. Lynn Bellamy.

He was born Sept. 13, 1949, at Ada to Perry Wade and Lillian Ella Darby Allison. He attended Byng schools and graduated from Byng High School. He also attended Okmulgee Tech. Mr. Allison was a forklift operator at Evergreen Mills Feed in Ada until his retirement. He served as secretary of the union at Evergreen. He was a member of the Ada Lodge #1640.

He is survived by a dear friend Beth Fullingim; two sons, Heath Allison and his wife, Tracy, of Ada, and Chad Allison and his wife, Sarah Wilson Allison, of Dallas; his mother, Lillian Allison, Ada; his brother, Bob Allison, Ada; a sister, Tanya Allison, Frederick, Md.; and two grandchildren, Tristan Allison and Daryn Allison.

Bearers were Tristan Allison, Tanner Dyer, Eric Dyer, Chris Rhynes, Cal Allison and Shawn Fullingim. Honorary bearers were Daniel Rhynes, Charlie McClure, Phil Rhynes, Mike Fullingim, Glen Gouge, Gary Haney and Clint Sturdevant.

Lois (Marie) Payne Hanna

Lois (Marie) Payne Hanna died November 20, 2013 at the Lakes Nursing Facility in Oklahoma City, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease and a short battle with congestive heart failure.

She was born February 10, 1920 to Thomas Hardwick Payne and Bessie Bird Payne at Duncan, Okla. Though her early formative years were spent at St. Elizabeth's School in Purcell, Okla.; an education provided to her from the altruism of the Chickasaw tribe, she graduated from Duncan High School in 1938. Some years later she moved to Oklahoma City where she became a lifelong resident. After the War, she enrolled in the Oklahoma City School of Law (currently OCU) where she met her future husband, James Cullen Hanna. As one relative put it, "she studied to be an attorney, but married one instead." In the early 1960's she secured employment with the architecture firm of Coston, Frankfurt, Short (now Frankfurt Short Brusa) and rose from a secretarial position to retire in the 1990's as a member of the firm's board of directors. It was from this career position that Mrs. Hanna became a long lasting member of Executive Women Incorporated (EWI). Lois served in many capacities during her lengthy membership in EWI including that of president. Association with this organization provided her with the opportunity to travel and cement lifelong friendships. In later life she fondly recalled the places and people she had the pleasure to know.

While her sharp mind permitted her to explore a keen interest in a myriad of subjects, her main focus was on just a few. Aside from her whole family,--- her offspring, her siblings, her sibling's offspring, in-laws and everything in-between --- which she cherished above all else, her great passions in life were music, literature, history, Sooner football and all things Oklahoman.

Her enthusiasm for music and above all, opera brought her great happiness. She delighted in being a proud patron of the Oklahoma City Symphony, holding season tickets for more than thirty consecutive years. Last year Mrs. Hanna was honored when the Chickasaw tribe recognized her as a senior member of the tribe and presented her with a brooch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Hardwick and Bessie Bird Payne; her husband, James Cullen Hanna; a sisters, Anna Laura Strong, Dora Faye Yeager, Patricia Gabriela (Patty Gay) Payne; and a brother, Thomas Hardwick Payne.

She is survived by her three sons, Fred Hanna, Tom Hanna and John Hanna; a daughter –in–law Gabrielle Hanna; grandsons, Brandon Hanna, Travis Hanna, and Cameron Hanna, children of Fred and Gabrielle; and a great-grandson Jack Hanna, son of Brandon Hanna.

She will be forever remembered for the warm tender kindness that she shined on those that were closest to her and the unique glow of genuine charity with which she embraced all that were lucky enough to be close to her for however momentary.

She will be dearly missed by all those who knew, and therefore, loved her.

Jack Smith

Jack Smith, of Concord, Calif., died at his home November 6, 2013. Funeral Service were November 11, at St. Bonaventure Church, Concord. Interment followed at Oakmont Memroial Park, Lafayette, Calif.

He was born August 8, 1927.

Mr. Smith was the only men's gymnastics coach in the history of Diablo Valley (CA) College (DVC), spanning 21 years. He went on to coach women's gymnastics for another ten years and also coached men's soccer. He taught physical education at DVC for over 40 years. He was inducted into the Diablo Valley College Hall of Fame February 23, 2011. .

For many years he was also the coach of the Gehringer Park Swim Club. During his later years he volunteered for the DVC Retirees Association and Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by hi wife of 59 years, Jacqueline; a brother, Edwin; a sister Mildred; a son Steven; three daughters, Suzanne, Laurie and Jennifer; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Diablo Valley College Scholarship Fund or Meals on Wheels.

Stanley Eastman Foster

Stanley Eastman Foster, 74, died Dec. 17, 2013, at Norman, Okla. Services were Dec. 20, 2013, at The Chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest. Interment followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Mr. Foster was born May 20, 1939, to Dewey Foster and Julia (Colbert) Foster. He graduated as the president of the Class of 1957 from Mannsville (OK) High School. He also served as the Justice of the Peace in Carter County.

He married Donna Turner on Dec. 30, 1976, at Tishomingo.

Mr. Foster went to work for the Chickasaw Nation in 1976, serving in various positions over the years until the time of his passing, his position was assistant to the Governor. He worked for the Chickasaw Nation for 35-plus years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Jaycees past president 1971, Ardmore Shriners Club past president 1989, Masonic Blue Lodge #25 in Lone Grove, Ardmore Charity Club, and chairman of Chickasaw Nation Revenge of the Bulls.

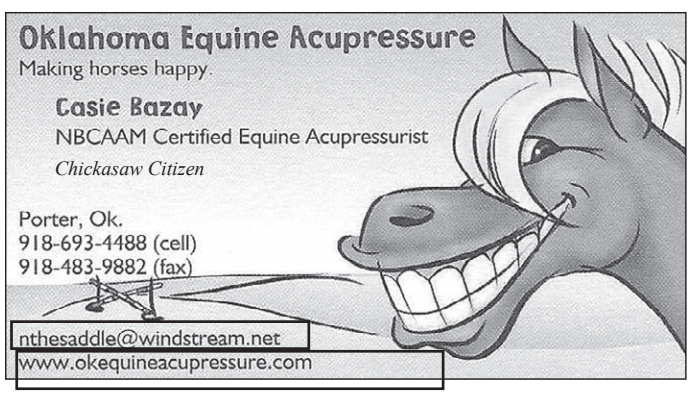
Stanley loved spending time with his grandchildren, and was an avid rodeo fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Dean Foster and Harry Foster.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Foster, of the home; sons Steven Warren and fiance, Jeanie Chapman, of Pauls Valley, Okla., and Michael Todd Warren and wife, Cricket, of Pauls Valley; grandchildren Matthew Warren and Maggie Warren, of Pauls Valley; and brothers Charles Foster, of Azel, Texas, and John Foster and wife, Janene, of Allen, Texas.

Serving as pallbearers were Doug Loder, Don Wallace, Sam Daube, Charles Williams, Billy Stromberg and Guy Bacon. Honorary bearers are David Hatton, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Gov. Overton James, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Fred Hightower, Hadley Barrett and Bennie Beutler.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com.



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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
November 15, 2013

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs , Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, S. Ashley Large

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - October 25, 2013

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of October 25, 2013.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott,

Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2013, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 31-001, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 5, Articles C and E of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Personnel Rules and Regulations)

This Resolution allows day-to-day matters of personnel management to be governed by tribal employment policies rather than addressing the intricate details of personnel management though tribal law. It provides that all employees of the Executive, Legislative or Judicial Departments of the Chickasaw Nation are included in the scope of this Act. However, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments each retain the right to adopt existing tribal employment policies or to develop their own employment policies not otherwise in conflict with this Act.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR31-001.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR31-001 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

(B) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Toby Perkins

General Resolution Number 31-006, Authorization for Participation in New Market Tax Credit Transaction (NMTC Transaction)

This resolution authorizes the participation in a $25,000,000 New Market Tax Credit ("NMTC") Transaction to renovate and repurpose the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility into a multi-function tribal services complex with Cherokee Nation CNB Economic Development Company and a qualified investor which will result in a net investment return into the Project of approximately $4,400,000; authorizing documents as may be necessary or required; authorizing a limited waiver of sovereign immunity of the Chickasaw Nation in connection with the NMTC Transaction; and containing other provisions relating thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR31-006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-006 carried unanimously.

Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(C) **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 31-003, Authorization and Approval of Business Lease on Joint Tract in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

This resolution approves the Business Lease G09-1778 to Vangard Wireless, LLC, of Alexandra, Virginia for a cellphone tower on a joint tract of land containing 4.93 acres in Pittsburg County, Choctaw Nation. The term of the lease is Ten (10) years beginning on September 1, 2010 and ending on August 31, 2020. The per annum lease amount is $3,000.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive a ¼ share or $750.00 per annum. This appraised value for this lease is more than the lease amount, but the Choctaw Nation, being the majority shareholder has already approved the lease in Council Bill CB-79-13 and executed the lease documents.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR31-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-003 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-004, Authorization and Approval of Agricultural Lease in Atoka County

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1819, for grazing purposes only, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 632.32 acres, more or less, in favor of Ewing and Donna Downen. The proposed lease will be for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2013, and expiring on December 31, 2015, with a per annum payment of $9,500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,375.00 per annum.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR31-004.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-004 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-005, Utility Service Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement granted to OG&E Electric Services to service the Chickasaw Nation Childcare Campus north of Rosedale Road in Ada. This easement replaces a former unrecorded easement and is upgraded to service the Childcare Campus.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR31-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz Scott Wood, Steve Woods

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-005 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Woods announced the day's events including the Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon at the Agri-Plex, and the Friends of the Foundation reception, at the Community Center.

There were no comments from the citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by,
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 16, 2013

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker

Finance Committee
December 16, 2013

Present: Toby Perkins, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker

Human Resources Committee
December 16, 2013

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Land Development Committee
December 16, 2013

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker

Legislative Committee
December 16, 2013

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker

DECEMBER 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 31-007

Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

(Catherine Wood)

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Catherine Wood to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. Ms. Wood will represent the Tishomingo District and fill a term of office ending on December 31, 2016.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 31-008

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

(Cooper Memorial Road)

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center property described as:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4 SW1/4) of Section Four (4), Township one (1) South, Range Three (3) East, Murray County, Oklahoma, according to the Government Survey thereof, LESS & EXCEPT all oil, gas and other mineral interest, herein being retained by Party of the First Part.

Property Location: Cooper Memorial Road, Sulphur, Oklahoma

Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center property

Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

No votes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert

General Resolution Number 31-009

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

(715 East Main)

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation property in the Ada Arts District described as:

The West Half of Lot 4 and all of Lot 5 in Block 3, College Addition, Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: 715 East Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma

Use: To acquire a presence of the Chickasaw Nation property in the Arts District of Ada, Oklahoma

Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

No votes: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 31-010

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

(717 East Orchard)

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation Community Center property described as:

The East 75 feet of Lot 45 and the North 18.5 feet of the East 75 feet of Lot 46 of Sunnyside Acres Subdivision of Blocks 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Arlington Addition to the City of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Property Location: 717 East Orchard Street, Ada, Oklahoma

Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation Community Center property

Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 31-011

Business Lease G03-3190 and Easement to Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

(Fire and Rescue Tract in Ada, Oklahoma)

Explanation: This resolution approves the Business Lease G03-3190 and Easement to Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Pioneer), Post Office Box 539, Kingfisher, Oklahoma 73750-0539 on the Fire and Rescue Tract located in Ada. The term of the lease is twenty-five years beginning on the date of approval by the Secretary of the Interior or her duly authorized representative and the lease rental payment is $6,000.00 per year. The lease payments will increase once every five years according to the Consumer Price Index or fifteen percent (15%), whichever is greater. The approval of this lease and easement request will allow Pioneer to lease the property to construct and operate a cell phone communication tower. Should Pioneer sublet to a colocator, Lessee shall pay 10% of the rental received from the colocator to the Lessor as profit sharing. The BIA has also required the Lessee to obtain a public liability insurance policy the amount of $1,000,000.00 and post a bond of $12,000.00.

Property Location: Fire and Rescue Tract, Ada, Oklahoma

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number PR31-002

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 5, Article F of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Judicial Department Employee Rules and Regulations)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 5 Article F of the Chickasaw Nation Code to provide for Judicial Department employee policies.

Presented by: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Children's Christmas Celebrations

Chickasaw children and families descended upon the Pontotoc County Agriplex for an evening of festive fun at the Ada Children's Christmas Celebration Dec. 12.

Waiting his turn, Davion Wilson, 6, looks on as Little Miss Chickasaw Jacee Underwood plays a round of air hockey at OKC Jump!Zone.